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VIOLENCE ON RISE ACROSS DISTRICT

BY CARL JACKSON

VIOLENCE increasing, more vehicles stolen every month and serious sexual offences on the rise – crime is on the up in Cannock Chase.

Latest statistics from January 2015 up to and including November last year showed an average of 504 crimes a month in the district during 2016 (6,046 in 12 months) – 48 more than a typical month in 2015 (5,455 in total).

While some incidents, such as drug-related offences, have fallen the figures highlight concerning increases in some areas. Violent crimes in particular, including racially aggravated attacks and common assaults, rose significantly.

In 2015 there were a total of 902 incidents – a monthly average of 75 – but between January and November last year there were 1,156 amounting to a monthly average of 105.

In October personal robberies rose to 10 – the highest in the entire period – whiled they had remained relatively low at less than one a week since 2014. In the same month public disorder offences were also at their highest point in the last two years with 45 incidents reported, the next highest being 25 in March.

Sharp

There was also a rise in serious sex offences, including sexual assault on children and sexual activity without consent. In the 11-month period last year police were called to 80 serious sexual offences – almost equal to the 81 incidents recorded for the entire of 2015.

There has also been a sharp rise in vehicles stolen in the district. A total of 79 were taken in 2015 – an average of seven a month – but that number jumped to 115 for the 11 months last year, which works out at more than 10 a month.

However, the number of thefts from vehicles decreased. In 2015 there were a total of 312 – an average of 26 a month – falling to 240 between January and November, meaning there was a reduction to 21 per month.

Police will also have welcomed falling numbers in drug offences across Cannock Chase. There were a monthly average of 12 in 2016 compared to 15 the year before.

Asked about why the area had seen an increase in crime, Cannock's local policing team commander Geoff Knight said: "There are a number of reasons why this is the case.

"Some of this is due to an increased confidence in crime reporting; we are embedded into local communities and where previously crime has probably not been reported in the past people now have more confidence in their local police. Another reason is that more crime is recorded where police carry out pro-active work and make more arrests.

"These arrests, if they lead to charges, create additional crime numbers."

RAC SINGER GETS ON THE ROAD TO TV SUCCESS

RAC call centre worker Jason Jones in his performance which persuaded all four judges on The Voice to turn their chairs around for him

RAC worker Jason Jones wowed all four judges as The Voice returned to our TV screens – and he has already received his first booking.

The 31-year-old persuaded all of the judges to turn their chairs around on the ITV talent show to progress to the next round.

And he admitted that if he continues to progress in the show he may have to give up his post at the RAC call centre on the M6.

Jason, from Brownhills, said the reaction since his performance on Saturday had been 'overwhelming'. The former Chasetown High School pupil, who has a five-month-old son Jax with partner Collette, has been gigging for around three years. He watched Saturday's show in The Park Gate pub in Cannock Wood alongside friends and family.

Pub manager Lisa Baker said everyone who knew Mr Jones was delighted for him.

She added: "It was a brilliant night and we're all rooting for him. He's done a few gigs here and been brilliant."

His version of Pillow Talk by Zayn wowed judges Tom Jones, Jennifer Hudson, Will.I.Am and Gavin Rossdale. Jason plumped for the tutelage of Black Eyed Peas singer and producer Will. Jason has been snapped up for a date at Wednesbury Town Hall on February 16. "It's gone mad – but it's been brilliant," he said.

"I've had hundreds of messages and friend requests. My dream has come true, it's unreal. I love my job but if this keeps going well I might have to hand my notice in to keep doing it."

It's third time lucky for Jason who failed to get past the audition stage two years ago, then overslept last year and missed his slot. "I think it's meant to be," he said.

CRIME

Lead thieves target six homes in hour

LEAD thieves targeted six buildings in one hour in the Hednesford area.

Windows and garage roofs were targeted last Wednesday between 3 and 4am.

Most of the properties were in Corsican Drive. A police spokesman said: "There has been an increase in the theft of lead from windows and garage roofs across Hednesford." Elsewhere, lead flashing was stolen from the roof of a garage in Thornhill Road, Cannock, between 11pm on January 2 and 9am the next day.

Anyone with information should call Staffordshire Police on 101.

CYCLING

Riders can choose from list of routes

CYCLISTS are being given plenty of opportunity to get out on the bike around South Staffordshire this year.

The South Staffordshire Cycling Scheme has launched its new ride list, including routes across Cheslyn Hay, Penkridge, Codsall and Wombourne.

The rides, which are free thanks to funding from the South Staffordshire Strategic Partnership and Sport England, are ideal for people new to cycling or those who are of practice. Email neilsscs@gmail.com or aprilsscs@garmin.com

CAMPAIGN

Petition on A&E is signed by hundreds

MORE than 300 people have backed a campaign to scrap long-term plans to downgrade an A&E and axe minor injuries units in Staffordshire.

The proposals, which campaigners fear will see County Hospital and Cannock Chase Hospital stripped of vital services, were drawn up last month under the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).

While the document did not amount to formal proposals it said radical changes need to be made to healthcare in the county to plug a £542 million black hole.

The 'Save Staffordshire's NHS Say No to the STP' petition is at 38degrees.org.uk

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Hero of 7/7 attacks backs first aid move

Paul Dadge – support

A HERO of the London bombings from Cannock is supporting a campaign for the public to learn first aid skills in case they are caught up in a terrorist attack.

CitizenAID has been developed by military and civilian medics to teach people how to provide potentially life-saving treatment before the arrival of emergency services.

Paul Dadge, who was pictured on 7/7 as he helped masked victim Davinia Turrell to safety during the atrocity which left 52 people dead, has spoken in support of the move.

The scheme will complement the 'Run, Hide, Tell' guidance given by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office in the wake of the Paris attacks. CitizenAID is intended to give members of the public straightforward information on how to plan, prepare and react to an incident.

Mr Dadge, a retained firefighter, tweeted: "Talking today about ThecitizenAID app and how it can help save lives during a terrorist attack."

Sir Keith Porter, professor of clinical traumatology at the University of Birmingham, is one of four clinicians behind the initiative. He said: "I have treated hundreds of soldiers whose lives have been saved by simply the applications of tourniquets. Teaching individual soldiers these skills has saved lives, and I think it is essential we train the public in those skills, and that is exactly what citizenAID does."

CitizenAID founder Brigadier Tim Hodgetts said the initiative should not scare people. "We are empowering the public," he said. "By giving them a step-by-step system we take away the anxiety because the decisions are already made and the right decisions in the right order can save lives."

80 jobs on the way at new homeware store

RETAIL chain The Range will open a shop in Cannock in the spring, creating 80 jobs.

The homeware and furniture brand is refitting the former Brian James shop in Walsall Road, Bridgtown.

It will feature its own cafe and is set to open on Good Friday, April 14. The announcement has been described as a welcome boost for the town.

A spokesperson for The Range said: "We can confirm that the new store will be located at the site on the Walsall Road.

"The new store will create around 80 full and part-time jobs for the local area.

"We have selected Cannock as a new location as we think it is a great opportunity to offer the local community a new store that provides customers with product selection across multiple departments.

"The job creation that comes with the new store should also be a fantastic boost to the local area. The store will also have a family cafe," the spokesperson added.

Cannock Chase councillor John Kraujalis said: "It is very good news.

Bought

"Credit should go to the council for creating this situation where businesses are wanting to come to the town."

The site of the new shop is the former home of Brian James Furniture Collections. Founded in 1975, the company operated from the premises, employing 19 staff, for more than three decades.

The firm hit cash-flow difficulties in 2009 and by February 2011 was unable to pay all of its debts. After it collapsed, the premises was bought by Smethwick-based furniture firm NCF, which relaunched as Brian James Furnishings in October 2011.

In 2013 the firm's director was banned from running a business for five years after the company racked up losses of more than £2.6 million.

The Range first opened in 1989 in Plymouth and is one of the fastest growing retailers in the country. It now has more than 130 shops across the country, including one at the Greyfriars Business Park in Stafford, which opened last March creating 80 jobs. There is also a store at the Merry Hill shopping centre in Brierley Hill. Stores stock more than 65,000 products including homeware, furniture, DIY and art supplies.

Thieves take £2k of salon products

Hair Avantgard, in Cheslyn Hay, has been hit for a third time in 14 years

THREE hooded men smashed their way into a hair salon stealing £2,000 worth of products and causing hundreds of pounds worth of damage.

The suspects were seen going into Hair Avantgard, in Cheslyn Hay, armed with bins and sweeping dozens of styling goods from the shelves.

They targeted the Glenthorne Drive business at 1.40am on Friday, smashing a glass panel in a front door, before fleeing in a dark coloured car, which could have been a Vauxhall Vectra or Astra, towards New Horse Road and Sutherland Road.

Salon owner Paula Ireson-Lawrence said it was the third time the business had been burgled in the 14 years she has owned it.

She said: "There was a lot of mess. They have stolen all of the retail products.

"They brought in their own bins, smashed their way in the front, and just shoved everything into bins. I have run this for 14 years, and it is the third time it has happened.

"It is annoying I have now got to claim on my insurance."

Ms Ireson-Lawrence urged people to be wary of cheap hair products on the internet, particularly Schwarzkopf goods, warning that they could have been stolen from her shop.

Anyone with information about the burglary or the items that were stolen should call Staffordshire Police.

Arrests in connection with Wolves cup clash

A 16-YEAR-OLD youth from Stafford was arrested after a flare was set off during the FA Cup match between Wolves and Stoke City.

He has been released on police bail, pending further inquiries.

Meanwhile, two men are to appear in court in connection with an alleged incident involving a member of staff at a pub in Stoke at around 10.50am on Saturday.

Simon Evans, 33, of Wentworth Road, Wolverhampton, is charged with assault by beating.

Christopher Ward, 30, of Farm Road, Brierley Hill, is charged with a public order offence.

Both men have been bailed to appear at Newcastle under Lyme Magistrates Court on 7 February.

Chief Insp Pete Owen, who was the match commander for the tie at the bet365 Stadium, said: "It's fair to say it was a busy match for us and tensions were high.

"However, effective deployment of stewards and officers on the ground meant there were no other incidents during the game.

"A great deal of planning had gone into how we approached the match in view of the extra away fans who were allowed to attend. The stewards worked really effectively with our officers and, together, we ensured there was little in the way of disorder."

Wolves won Saturday's game 2-0 thanks to goals from Helder Costa and Matt Doherty.

Test gives hope for treatment

A NEW test could lead to better treatment for patients with rheumatoid arthritis in Staffordshire.

It follows extensive collaborative research by University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership NHS Trust and Keele University.

The test identifies 'epigenetic' markers in patients, showing which are likely to respond to treatments for rheumatoid arthritis, and which are not likely to respond. Patients can now avoid unnecessary side-effects from current treatments, and ensure the most effective course is taken for their care.

Rheumatoid arthritis is an autoimmune disease which causes inflammation of joints and the surrounding tissues.

Thief breaks in by removing window

A BURGLAR removed part of a window frame to break into a home in Rugeley.

The thief targeted a rear kitchen window at the property in Fairmount Way between 1pm on December 31 and 9.15am on January 2 while the occupant was away. To help, call police on 101.

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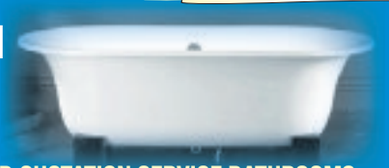

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Return of campaign to tackle potholes

A CAMPAIGN to help tackle potholes has been relaunched in the Cannock Chase district.

The local initiative comes ahead of National Pothole Day on Monday, January 16, and encourages the public to report examples of pitted roads.

Launched by Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling, the Pothole Patrol scheme is now entering its third year.

She said: "Constituents regularly contact me about potholes, and it is a big source of frustration for many people. If we are going to get them sorted, then we need to make sure the county council know where they are.

"I would urge people who know of particularly problematic potholes to report them to me, providing as much detail as possible including their precise location. If we get them reported, we can then get them sorted."

Ms Milling says she has been in regular contact with Staffordshire County Council, raising the mounting frustrations of residents.

This new drive comes after a government announcement at the end of last year that more money was being provided to councils to tackle the problem of potholes, ahead of National Pothole Day.

The MP added: "I want to ensure that here in Cannock Chase we get our fair share of this money. It is understandably a real frustration for road users and pedestrians who find themselves having to dodge what can at times look like craters."

Visit www.amandamilling.com/campaigns/pothole-patrol

Homes to be built at former orchard

HOMES are to be built on land which was once used as an orchard.

Cannock Chase Council has given outline planning permission for a house in Hayfield Hill, Cannock Wood, to be demolished, with three detached houses built in its place.

Meanwhile, nine homes could be built in Norton Canes if council chiefs give a plan the go-ahead.

The applicants want to build behind their detached house in Norton East Road.

The homes would not be built in the house's garden, which is not included in the proposal. Currently the land is used to store six caravans.

Cannock Chase Council planning bosses will make a decision on the plan later.

Home has plans for car parking

THE Lakes nursing home in Great Wyrley wants to expand its parking.

The home in Stafford Road, also known as Lakeview, has submitted plans to South Staffordshire Council for a total of 46 spaces.

Charity where the heart is for fundraiser

Natalie Slaney, Miss Charity Heart 2016

WOMEN are being invited to take part in Miss Charity Heart 2017 by the mother and daughter team who are running the event in Cannock.

Carol and Jess Watts from Bloxwich run the British Heart Foundation Walsall Fundraising Group and are urging people to take part in or watch the event on February 19 to help raise money for lifesaving research.

Carol and Jess have supported the nation's heart charity for the past four years after Carol's husband Keith survived two heart attacks in 2012. This is the fourth time the group have organised this event, and the money raised will go towards BHF research to help prevent and treat heart and circulatory disease.

The event takes place at The Premier Suite, with all net proceeds going to the British Heart Foundation.

Donna Stokes, BHF fundraising manager, said: "We're incredibly grateful to the Walsall BHF Fundraising Group for their ongoing support.

"Miss Charity Heart 2017 promises to be a great event."

People who wish to take part in the event can obtain information via www.dragonfliesevents.moonfruit.com or can call Carol on 07707 534476.

The closure date for entries is January 18. Tickets to watch are £5 at www.dragonfliesevents.moonfruit.com or from Carol at Dragonflies Boutique, 45/47 High Street, Bloxwich, or on the day.

Doors open at 1pm, and the event starts at 2pm.

For more information on BHF fundraising groups, or to start or join a group in your community, visit www.bhf.org.uk

Nursery delighted at improved Ofsted rating

A CANNOCK nursery says it is 'over the moon' after turning its fortunes around and being praised by Ofsted inspectors.

Six months ago Little Chasers Nursery, previously based in St Johns Road and now Wolverhampton Road, was rated inadequate by the education watchdog.

At the time, inspectors said the welfare and safety of the children was 'not assured', while the nappy changing and toilet facilities were 'not suitable, safe or hygienic'.

But after a re-inspection, the nursery has been rated 'good' and praised for making 'immediate and comprehensive improvements', with inspectors praising the staff for being 'caring and dedicated'.

Nursery manager Helen Fletcher said: "We have really turned it around in such a short space of time. We are absolutely over the moon, and it is onwards and upwards now.

"We had a lot of difficulties over a short period when we were first inspected by Ofsted. We had staff coming and going, and we had just moved into a new building.

Progress

"The building was not what we wanted, and there was lots of changes to be made. We were in the middle of it all when Ofsted came and inspected us." Asked about the turnaround, Ms Fletcher said: "Our parents have been immense and offered us so much support. The staff have worked so hard as well.

"We were just one piece of paper away from being rated outstanding."

An Ofsted report prepared after the inspection last month said: "Significant improvements have been made to the maintenance of the premises, the outdoor learning environment and to the training of staff in safety and education. All children are making good progress in their learning as a result.

"Staff are caring and dedicated. They have worked extremely hard to provide a resource-rich environment. The highly effective key-person system takes account of children's individual preferences, helping to ensure that their emotional well-being is effectively nurtured. Staff have high expectations of all children. They have good knowledge of children's development, interests and educational starting points. Children are keen to learn, are excited and enthusiastic to take part in a wide range of stimulating activities."

Katie Love with Jacob Hart Prieto, aged two, and Sofia Hart Prieto, six, at the launch event for The Creation Station in Cannock

Child's play with Katie's Creation

A CANNOCK mother-of-two is combining her lifelong loves of arts and crafts and working with children into a business opportunity.

Katie Love, of Huntington Road, has launched The Creation Station with the aim of inspiring creativity in youngsters through arty classes and workshops.

It is part of a national franchise that has won awards for offering the best creative play opportunities for youngsters aged six months to 11 years.

"I've always loved arts and crafts and used to revel in getting the paints and Play-Doh out with my two boys, Alex, now 19, and Ben, 13, when they were little," Katie said.

Having been fundraiser and schools liaison for Compton Hospice, manager of the Rose Theatre in Rugeley and Beaver Leader for 1st Cheslyn Hay Scouts, Katie wanted to find a new career that offered the same level of job satisfaction.

Classes will take place at St Mary's Social Club in Cannock on Fridays, and The Salem Church Hall in Cheslyn Hay on Mondays.

Call 07807 547399.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Drills taken in raid on garage

TWO power drills were among items stolen when a garage in Hednesford Road, Norton Canes, was burgled.

A pressure washer and mountain bike were also taken. Anyone with information should call Staffordshire Police using the incident reference number 148 of January 5.

Meanwhile, an attempted burglary in Hammerwich has prompted a warning for residents. A home in Hillcrest Rise was targeted last week between 4pm on Monday and 8.45am on Tuesday. A Staffordshire Police spokesman said: "Please be on your guard."

Suspected drug dealers arrested

TWO men were arrested at an address in Broad Street, Bridgtown, as part of a police crackdown on drug dealing.

They were arrested after a warrant was executed under the Misuse of Drugs Act. Officers from the Cannock Local Policing Team also seized an amount of suspected class A drugs – believed to be cocaine – valued in the region of £300.

The arrests took place on Thursday under Staffordshire Police's Operation Nemesis. Anyone concerned about drug crime should call 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Camra in pubs protection call

PUBS must be given greater protection from redevelopment, campaigners say, after it was revealed more than 2,000 had now been safeguarded.

Several pubs in Staffordshire and the Black Country have been made assets of community value (ACV) in a bid to stop them from closing.

The Campaign for Real Ale (Camra) has called on the Government to introduce new measures to ensure owners must always seek planning permission before any changes are made.

Town traders urged to take part in activities

RUGELEY Traders Association has reminded members there will be no meeting this month as the chairman and treasurer are away on holiday.

Angi Cooney, vice-chair of the group, said the next meeting will be the AGM in February.

"A letter will be hand-delivered to all the local shops asking for their involvement during 2017 and inviting new committee members," she added.

For information, call 01889 529293 or email info@rugeleytraders.co.uk

Burglars wake resident

A HOMEOWNER in Foxfields Way, Huntington, was woken by burglars smashing their way into their home. The resident heard a loud bang at 2am and saw two offenders running off. Anyone with information should call Staffordshire Police on 101 quoting incident number 34 of January 3.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

YES, there is a lot of it about. Sniffles, cough, headache and, just when you think you've shaken it off, it comes back again. I couldn't help noticing at a party recently how some of the cheeks one kissed were burning hot. As this winter's dreaded lurgy continues, I foresee a return of Hollywood-style contactless air-kissing. Mwah, mwah, darlings.

WALKING down the street into an oncoming stream of shoppers (including me), a man wearing earphones was holding his laptop in front of him at eye-level and conducting a Skype conversation with somebody, at full volume. This incident proved that communal wishing does not work. Everyone in that street was thinking: "Go on, you idiot, walk into a lamppost," but the Skype merchant missed them all.

AT least the old 19th century houses were easy to take down. I spent one summer as a labourer on the demolition of a huge Regency villa. There was no need to use a demolition ball, nor even a hammer or chisel. We simply lifted every brick by hand. There was no adhesive power in the powdery old mortar and the only thing holding each course of bricks in place was the weight of the bricks above. A bricklayer told me the old buildings remained standing only because all the woodworms were holding hands.

TV dramas are filmed months before they are screened. So the makers of Halcyon (ITV) must have watched in horror a few weeks ago as Close to the Enemy (BBC1) was broadcast.

Note the startling similarities between the two offerings. Same setting, in a 1940s hotel. Same atmosphere of conspiracy about the reasons for the Second World War. Same jazz band with sexy chanteuse. And to cap it all, both dramas had the actress Charity Wakefield playing a blonde femme fatale. Both series were about spies. So who's been spying on whom . . ?

AS a fully paid-up guardian of Joe Public against the monstrous forces of government, I should be outraged at the news of new powers allowing Whitehall departments to share individuals' details with local councils. I find myself strangely unoutraged. If Mr J Public is pleading poverty to the town hall to get benefits but HMRC knows he is a millionaire, the sooner the taxman has a word with the town clerk, the better. In any case, didn't we all assume they were sharing information already?

I SAW this scrawled on a wall this week: "Carrie is a grass." Don't you find it strangely reassuring that in the age of cyber-crime and DNA profiling, our criminal-justice system still has a place for the good old-fashioned copper's nark?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Water company ready for emergencies

SEVERN TRENT is gearing up for what could be a busy winter.

The company will be bringing in extra resources so that it can cope with any increase in work brought about by leaks and burst water pipes after frozen ground thaws.

Additionally, it says it is important that customers understand how they can look after their own pipework.

Malcolm Whittaker, who has more than 30 years' experience repairing leaks for Severn Trent, said: "Colder weather can wreak havoc on household water pipes, and many of our customers may not realise that Severn Trent is only responsible for the water mains and service pipes in the public highway.

"Anything inside the property boundary is the responsibility of the homeowner. When water freezes within a pipe it expands, putting more pressure on the pipes and joints, often causing pipes to split or joints to pull apart.

"Taking steps now to make sure the pipework leading to your home and within your property is protected can help avoid problems with frozen pipes once the temperatures drop.

"If you haven't done it already, now is the time to be getting ready for the cold weather. We've got lots of tips and advice on our website at stwater.co.uk/winter and even a 'how to . . . ' video.

"My top tip is to lag your pipes. It's really easy – you can get pipe lagging very cheaply at your local DIY store, and it's really easy to fit. If your pipes do become frozen, check them for any signs of splitting. If you spot any damage, call a plumber."

OUT change of heart as more now snub Brexit

By Rob Golledge

A MAJORITY of readers would vote to REMAIN in the European Union, bucking the way the region voted in the referendum, according to a new survey.

The poll by our sister daily the Express & Star saw nearly 10,000 people respond to five questions on what readers now thought of Brexit.

Six in 10 said they would now vote to 'remain' in the EU – a huge shift from the 80 per cent who said they intended to vote to leave in the original poll in March.

On June 23, Staffordshire and the Black Country overwhelmingly voted to leave the EU – an average of 59 per cent in the West Midlands.

The change of voting intentions to Remain equates to a shift of some 46 per cent points based on the paper's March poll – and a shift of 21 per cent based on the referendum vote in the region.

Deliver

While there is still division over how millions of people would vote if given a second opportunity, there is a clear consensus that readers are not happy with the the Government's handling of Brexit.

In the survey, 86 per cent said they were 'not satisfied' with how the process was being handled.

And nearly three quarters of people – 73 per cent – said they did not think Britain will have left the European Union by April 2019 – the two-year deadline after Article 50 is invoked.

South Staffordshire MP and Chief Whip Gavin Williamson, who is seen as Prime Minister Theresa May's enforcer in the Commons, said: "We have had a referendum, and the the people said they wanted to leave – we have to deliver on their wish.

"In places like South Staffordshire, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell, and Dudley, there were large votes to leave.

"That is the result we have to take notice of," Mr Williamson added.

Helping a friend sparked romance

Avis and William Pinches celebrate their diamond wedding

HELPING with electrical work led to a spark between a couple who are now celebrating 60 years of marriage.

Avis and William Pinches, who live in Brownhills, met when William was helping one of Avis's friends with electrical work.

The pair, now aged 77 and 82 respectively, married on December 1, 1956 at Cannock Register Office.

Avis is originally from Chase Terrace and worked as a shop assistant at the Co-op while William has always lived in Brownhills and was previously a miner at Walsall Wood Colliery before working as an electrician.

To celebrate the anniversary, there was a meal with family and friends at the Fairlawns Hotel near Aldridge.

They have two sons – Martin, 59, and Paul, 58 – and a grandson Samuel, who is 20. Avis said it was lovely to reach such a significant milestone.

She said: "It was really nice to celebrate because there's not many people that reach 60 years. We got a card off the Queen too which was beautiful. I've got it in a frame. We originally met at a friend's house.

"He was helping him do some electric work and that's how we met. We met occasionally after that and then we decided we were going to get married."

When asked what the secret to a long and happy marriage was, Avis said: "I just think making sure you don't have too many arguments and don't fall out before you go to bed. We have 'discussions', as my husband calls them, not arguments."

Cuts mean elderly are being failed says leader

SENIOR citizens are being failed because of government-imposed cuts to social care services, a leading councillor has said.

Labour's George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, said austerity measures had left a 'growing crisis in care for older and disabled people'.

He pointed out that Age UK estimates that 1.2 million older people are lacking the social care they need – an increase of almost half since 2010 – meaning more people who have difficulties with the activities of daily living such as washing, eating or going to the toilet do not get the help they need.

Councillor Adamson, who also represents Hednesford & Rawnsley on Staffordshire County Council, said: "A civilised society is judged by the way it treats its most vulnerable people.

"But we are failing our senior citizens because of government-imposed cuts to our social care services.

"This not only affects those struggling to cope without adequate support but puts an impossible strain on their carers and family members."

In Staffordshire, he said, there is a social care funding gap of £225 million. "That cannot be met, as the uncaring Conservative government wants, by putting up the council tax," he added.

"It would go nowhere near sorting out the present funding crisis and would hit those on the lowest incomes most."

Cannock base for firm is operative

THE latest addition to a Cannock business park has started operations at its new base.

HellermannTyton has relocated to Kingswood Lakeside – a site created by Staffordshire County Council from an old opencast mine – from Aldridge.

The company is a cable management manufacturer of products for fastening, fixing and protecting cables and connecting components.

Its new UK distribution base incorporates state-of-the-art conference facilities, along with product demonstration areas.

It is developing space for the training of staff as part of HellermannTyton's academy programme. The new £3 million 63,000 sq ft warehouse was handed over a month ahead of schedule by Fusion Building Consultancy.

Plenty of bargains at church's mini-fair

A MINI-MARKET will be held at St Stephen's Methodist Church, in Bideford Way, Cannock, on Saturday between 9.30am and 11.15am.

There will an 'array of bargains' along with a cafe serving homemade cakes. There is no admission charge.

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Hospitals make 800 call-outs over pests

HOSPITALS across the region have made more than 800 pest control call-outs over the last five years, new figures have revealed.

In figures obtained through a Freedom of Information request, trusts running hospitals in Walsall, Dudley, Stafford and Birmingham revealed they have made a combined total of 847 call-outs since 2011 in a bid to get pest problems under control.

The figures do not include the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, which did not respond to requests.

The trust with the highest number of call-outs was the University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust, which runs County Hospital in Stafford. In total, the trust made 449 call-outs – more than half the combined amount – with 158 call-outs made in 2011-12. Since then, the trust's figures have decreased year on year, dropping to 124 in 2012-13, 80 the next year, 62 the year after that and 25 for 2015-16.

The second highest number of call-outs made by a single trust was Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Trust, which made 196, reaching a peak of 49 in 2013-14.

In Walsall, a total of 59 call-outs were made, with bosses claiming that pests are 'occasionally' found on site, 'despite our best efforts'.

The Birmingham Women's NHS Foundation Trust made a total of 52 call-outs since 2011, while the University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust made 71.

Drivers warned after break-ins

POLICE have told car owners to be on their guard after three vehicle break-ins in Heath Hayes and Norton Canes.

Thieves smashed their way through the vehicles' windows, and among the items stolen was a Stanley toolbox full of tools, a laptop computer, a cable detector and a tray of drill bits.

The incidents happened overnight in Bank Street, Heath Hayes, and Hill Street and Church Road, Norton Canes. Anyone with information should call Staffordshire Police on 101 quoting incident number 62, 68 or 71 of January 4.

"Could you also please be on your guard and make sure your vehicles are parked as securely as possible," a police spokesperson said.

Meditation Plus at charity shop

A MEDITATION session will be held in Cannock next week.

Meditation Plus will be held at the Beacon Centre for the Blind charity shop in Market Place from 11am until midday on Friday, January 13.

Charity campaign flushed with success

One of the 2,000-plus miniatures

MORE than 2,000 models of miniature toilets have been made by Rugeley workers as part of a charity campaign.

The limited-edition ceramic replicas of 2,107 loos have been specially produced as money boxes to raise cash for Bowel & Cancer Research by Armitage Shanks workers.

Each toilet costs £25 on ebay with all proceeds going to Armitage Thanks – a fundraising campaign launched by Armitage Shanks's parent company Ideal Standard to mark its 200th anniversary in 2017.

The company wants to raise £200,000 for the charity. If all 2,017 of the mini-loos are sold, that will add £50,175 to the £120,000 that has been raised for Armitage Thanks so far.

The charity's Deborah Gilbert said: "We're really grateful for the effort and imagination that everyone at Armitage Shanks has put into this campaign.

"Not only does it raise money, but it also helps spread the message that 'talking toilet' can save lives – too often the loo taboo means bowel cancer is a hidden disease –so we're proud to hold our Armitage Thanks mini-loos high."

The mini-loos bear the Bowel & Cancer Research logo and are engraved with the words '1817-2017, 200 years of pottery, Armitage Shanks Limited edition'.

Jim Moore, managing director of Ideal Standard, said: "As part of the 200-year celebration for Armitage Shanks, we wanted to create something that commemorates the anniversary and helps the charity."

Armitage Shanks is still based at its original site in Rugeley. To buy a mini-loo money box, look on ebay, visit www.armitage-thanks.co.uk or email armitagethanks@idealstandard.com

Grandfather hoarded replica guns at home

A GRANDFATHER who hoarded replica guns he bought online after scouring the internet had been cautioned for committing the same crime four years ago.

Police found three replicas when they executed a warrant to search Ronald Anderson's home following a tip-off last May.

The 'guns' could have been converted into usable weapons, Cannock Magistrates Court was told.

The 67-year-old military enthusiast had previously been warned about keeping similar weapons and was cautioned by police in 2013.

But when officers searched his home in Edison Close, Cannock, on May 12 last year, they found BBM Bruni MOD P4 9m, Walther P99 9mm and Berretta Replica 92 Auto handguns. None of them was able to shoot bullets.

The defendant admitted at a hearing last month three counts of possessing a weapon for the discharge of a noxious liquid, gas, electrical incapacitation device or thing.

Representing himself, he said: "Because of the item that I bought on the internet, it nearly ended my marriage, which now is hopefully on track. It was a foolish, stupid thing to do. I realise that now. I am very sorry it all happened."

Designed

Mr Chris Coughlan, prosecuting, said: "I have pictures of them. They look, as they are designed to look, like guns. The defendant trawls the internet to find weapons and buys these weapons. The frightening thing is that these guns can be converted and fire bullets. The fact that they could be converted is an aggravating feature. They are dangerous things."

The court heard that Anderson's four-year-old grand-daughter was a regular visitor to his home.

Chairman of the bench Mr David Marklew told him: "The possession of weapons is a very serious offence. They are potentially dangerous weapons and you were previously cautioned in 2013. You didn't learn your lesson in 2013. Hopefully you will learn your lesson going forward. You have got a four-year-old child visiting the property. You have to be careful in what you have at home."

Anderson received a 12-month prison sentence, suspended for two years.

He must also pay £135 costs and a £140 victim surcharge and undertake 20 days' work on a rehabilitation programme.

Memorial's final bricks in place

The Murdoch family at the mining memorial which includes a brick, *inset*, for Bill Murdoch

THE 500 bricks of the fourth and final phase of the mining memorial in Hednesford have been laid.

And many people who bought a brick to remember someone who worked in the Cannock Chase coalfield have viewed the memorial. There are now more than 4,000 named bricks thanks to the project organised by Chase Arts for Public Spaces (CHAPS).

They were laid by Simon Kelsall, Mark Goodall and Sam Brown, all of whom said they were honoured to be involved.

Simon was particularly touched by John Murdoch and his family, who came from all parts of the UK to collect the memorial book they had ordered and see the brick for father and brother Bill Murdoch.

By coincidence, Simon, Mark and Sam were positioning the bricks with names beginning with M and the Murdochs were delighted to be given the opportunity to lay their brick themselves for Bill, who worked at Lea Hall.

His sons Michael, Andy, Sam and Gary laid the brick on behalf of the whole family."CHAPS has been overwhelmed by the amount of help received during Phase 4 and would like to thank local skip company Coopers of Hednesford for donating a skip during the bricklaying and Craig Watts Holdings for providing Heras protective fencing whilst building works were undertaken," the group's secretary Trish Mellor said.

A dedication service will be held at the memorial on April 22. Information is available at www.chaseartsforpublicspaces.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

Venue to mark Burns birthday

A POPULAR Cannock venue is hosting what it describes as the biggest Scottish party in the Midlands to celebrate the birthday of Robert Burns.

The Premier Suite, above Bar Sport, in High Green, is hosting a weekend of Scottish celebrations on January 21 and 22 to commemorate Scotland's favourite son.

Celebrations begin on the Saturday at 7.30pm with the annual Midlands Biggest Burns Night Scottish Party.

The following day will feature a Scottish themed family Sunday lunch.

To book, call 01543 572092.

Quiz fans raise £120 for charity

QUIZ buffs put their knowledge to the test, helping to raise more than £120 for cancer research.

Teams competed in the festive brain-buster at the Lamb & Flag, in Little Haywood, raising £123.50 when combined with a raffle.

The event, organised by the Rugeley Committee for Macmillan, came after Barry Hackett and a group of friends raised more than £1,000 for the cause in December alone. They spent hours carol singing at Costa in Rugeley and Hednesford. A further £122 was collected during an outing to Chester.

Vandals attack saved phone box

A PHONE booth which the local councillors fought to keep has been wrecked by vandals.

The BT kiosk, on the Cannock Road near Featherstone Methodist Church, has had its glass panels smashed.

The booth was under threat to be removed by BT but the district council, led by Frank Beardsmore, put in a special submission to have it kept.

After the incident Mr Beardsmore said: "It is very disappointing, it is just mindless vandalism."

Players to stage Ali Baba at village hall

STONNALL Players are performing their version of Ali Baba.

It will be staged at Stonnall Village Hall from today (Thursday) until Saturday. All three performances start at 7.30pm. The charity for the show is Acorns Children's Hospice.

Tickets are £7 for adults, £5 concessions and £3 children. Family tickets are £18 for two adults and up to three children. Call or text 07516 274765, email stonnallplayers@gmail.com or visit stonnallplayers.moonfruit.com

Ready for rambling

CHASE Ramblers will be going on an eight-mile moderate walk from Rugeley this Sunday. Walkers should meet as usual at Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, Hednesford, for a 9am prompt departure. For further details, contact Tom or Jen on 01889 586168.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

Question is whether patients are cared for

AT least two people a day are dying of thirst or starvation in hospitals, according to figures from the Office for National Statistics. Malnutrition was mentioned on the death certificates of 297 patients who died in hospital during 2015, while dehydration was cited on 429.

Now every case is different, and it would be naive to lay all of the blame on the NHS. But the sheer numbers do suggest something is amiss. Money is always an issue, but really, how much does it cost to check if somebody has been eating their food?

During my visits to hospitals I have been touched by the kindness of nursing staff towards patients who can sometimes be challenging. But I have also seen time and resources wasted on questions which have very little to do with the ailments in question, and everything to do with politically correct box ticking.

The staff are simply following instructions. But maybe their bosses, both in the NHS and government, might care to focus on the basics, and leave the lifestyle surveys to others?

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MEANWHILE, Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospital Trust has really got to the heart the issues facing our overstretched hospitals by spending £1,265 on 100 "gender neutral" toilets.

Now I've no idea what a "gender neutral toilet" is, but I imagine it is not too different from those, boring old-fashioned "gender specific" ones. You know, a cistern, a seat, and a chain.

The main difference, as far as I can see, is that the gender neutral ones have a rather confusing sign featuring four figures: one male, one female, one in a wheelchair, and one which can only be described as resembling somebody in a Bernie Clifton ostrich suit. Which is great when the panto cast drops in for a visit, but a waste of time for the rest of the year.

Last year Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust announced plans to get rid of 450 staff. Nice to know they have got their priorities right.

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LAST week marked 50 years since the death of Donald Campbell while attempting to set an unsurpassable water-speed record on Lake Coniston.

Campbell, along with his father Sir Malcolm and Captain George Eyston, was part of a golden age of British adventurers who put their lives on the line pushing the boundaries of technology and human endeavour. Eyston, driving a car called Thunderbolt built atTipton's Bean foundry, broke the land speed record three times, ultimately reaching 357.5 mph in 1938.

Today, the Bean has been replaced by houses. Swashbuckling eccentrics like Campbell and Eyston have made way for millionaire playboys Jenson Button and Lewis Hamilton.

Need for speed – heroic record-breaker Donald Campbell

Bill Smith with Bluebird when recovered from Coniston Water

Thyssenkrupp's Dean Melling, left, with Bill Smith

Firm backing bid for Bluebird's restoration

DOUG WOOTTON on the labour of love engineering project to restore the iconic Bluebird K7 jet hydroplane

A BLACK Country firm has helped restore the iconic jet-powered Bluebird boat to mark 50 years since it was destroyed during an ill-fated attempt on the water speed record – killing national hero Donald Campbell.

Until recently the British engineering feat seemed lost forever in Coniston Water until Cradley Heath-based Thyssenkrupp got involved.

The industrial materials group, whose UK headquarters are in Cox's Lane, provided the Bluebird Project with material including sheet metal and 350kg aluminium billets, supplied from its facility in Heywood, Greater Manchester.

The project aims to restore the wreck of Bluebird K7 – the revolutionary jet-powered hydroplane that had broken seven world records until the time of the fatal accident on the Cumbrian lake on January 4, 1967.

Flowers

The 50th anniversary of the death of former British land and water speed record holder Donald Campbell was marked at the location of the tragedy last week when his daughter Gina Campbell laid flowers on Coniston Water.

She said she was "humbled" his achievements were still recognised, half a century on from his death

Campbell was attempting to break his own 276mph water speed record when disaster struck. He had looked on course to shatter the record, with a newly-remodelled Bluebird K7 averaging almost 300mph.

But, as he entered the measured kilometre, the unprecedented speed caused the Bluebird's nose to lift. The craft rose 30ft out of the water, somersaulted and crashed back into the lake, splitting in half on impact, Campbell was killed instantly.

Restoration of Bluebird nears completion *Picture: Mike Bull/The Bluebird Project*

In August 2000 a team led by Bill Smith, an engineer and part-time diver, located the wreckage of the Bluebird.

What started out, in Bill's words, as a 'winter project' to find the wreck eventually became a large-scale recovery and restoration mission.

Greg Buxton, a then-employee of Thyssenkrupp who knew Bill through their shared passion for diving, introduced his employers to the project. The first donations – sheet of aluminium – were made in 2006.

Mr Smith said: "We've used virtually everything that came out of the lake but we've had to re-shape what's available to use and replace some other parts."

"We were just starting out on the restoration when, by chance, Greg got in touch with us. He was eager to help and put us in touch with his colleagues."

Mr Smith is insistent that donations such as Thyssenkrupp's have allowed the restoration to proceed without the pressure of a fixed deadline that would come with other means of funding.

He added: "Every part of this project is achieved through donations – the material, the heat, the light, the premises. It's hard to find that kind of support.

"This project goes beyond attention to detail. The idea is that one day you'll be able to look at archive photos, look at the restored Bluebird and not see the difference. If a screw was wonky on the original and we're putting it back, we won't try to correct it – we'll put it in wonky.

"We're not working to a deadline. It's about getting it done right. The anniversary will come and go as we rebuild the Bluebird but she is a national treasure and we'll take as long as we need.

"You can't display the Bluebird in a museum as a wreck, the chemistry wouldn't support it. It'd continue to degenerate.

"We're very thankful for the support of Thyssenkrupp and all of the sponsors, donors and volunteers who continue to make this project possible."

A bespoke engine based on the original design has been fitted, and the Bluebird roared to life in November, for the first time since that fateful day in 1967.

Dean Melling, Director of Commercial Materials at Thyssenkrupp, said: "This is a fascinating project.We are delighted to be providing material to help support Bill and his team return the Bluebird to its former glory. We are delighted to be associated with a truly unique piece of British history.

"I've been liaising with Bill personally on the project over the last few years and it's been exciting to watch it progress. We look forward to seeing the Bluebird out on Coniston Water once again some day."

Surrey-born Donald Campbell was the holder of eight world speed records in the 1950s and 1960s in the Bluebird cars and boats.

Ms Campbell was among a small party to take to the lake, where prayers were said at the exact time of the crash. She clutched her father's teddy bear mascot, Mr Whoppit, which was found in the water after the accident.

"If my father could have chosen a way to die it would have been this way," said Ms Campbell, who was a teenager when her father died. "If he had died a couple of weeks ago there would have been a few paragraphs in the Daily Telegraph. But here we are in 2017 talking about a hero that I still remember as a handsome young man.

"I'm so pleased and proud it's not just old fogies like me that have been inspired by what he did. It's young people too."

As the ceremony took place on Wednesday, January 4, an RAF jet made a low level flypast. The flower-laying was followed by a service at the Campbell Memorial and at Coniston Cemetery, where Mr Campbell was buried after his remains were recovered in 2001.

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Demolition starts early after centre blaze

Demolition takes place of the fire-affected part of Oak Park Leisure Centre in Walsall Wood

Fire engines gather during the blaze

Fire crews working at the scene of the fire

WORK to demolish a disused leisure centre has started early following a suspected arson attack.

Fifteen fire crews were called out to the blaze at Oak Park Leisure Centre in Walsall Wood at 5pm last Tuesday.

Investigations into the cause are ongoing. Despite fears that someone may have been inside, no-one was discovered, and the fire was largely contained to the reception area.

The centre closed last year when the new £12 million Oak Park Active Living Centre opened across the road.

The old site was scheduled for demolition, and tenders were due to be issued next week, according to Walsall Council. It will now be undertaken 'over the course of the next few weeks'.

Wednesbury-based contractor NCP Humphries Demolition was called in to start work following the fire.

Workers at the site had only recently finished clearing the building of asbestos and preparing for it to be knocked down. Tweeting from the scene during the height of the blaze, West Midlands Fire Service station commander Andy Smith said : "Good progress now being made with a simultaneous attack from above and below fire. A challenging incident due to complex building construction."

The fire blocked the A461 Lichfield Road between Brook Lane and Brownhills Road, causing delays for drivers.

June Johnson works as a sales assistant at the KFC opposite the leisure centre. The 54-year-old said: "It was around 5pm when one fire engine turned up, and then there were loads of them. It was mad."

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Austerity is failing to tackle debt

MAY I inject some reality into exchanges on the letters page between Labour councillor Paul Witton and others debating whether austerity has failed?

Labour and Tories are hell bent on wasting money and placing the country in greater debt.

We do not fund the NHS properly or care for our old people yet give millions in foreign aid to corrupt regimes.

Overcrowded trains and massive traffic jams cost the public and environment dear, yet we borrow money to build HS2, pay salaries higher than the PM's, indoctrinate schoolchildren and aid a few highly paid businessmen who will probably be doing other things by the time HS2 is built.

Our debt continues to rise exponentially despite so-called austerity. We need common sense people in control if we wish to stop this farcical waste.

GRAHAME WIGGIN
Cannock Chase UKIP

The council has listened to people's views

I WOULD like to thank all of those people who took part in Cannock Chase Council's budget consultation.

The earlier than expected closure of Rugeley Power Station has resulted in a dramatic loss of business rates, coupled with the Government's refusal to grant any help.

The recent independent peer review of Cannock Chase Council confirmed that the council is run well and prudently, but still the Government has refused to help. Cannock Chase Council only keeps about 13 per cent of the council tax that it collects. The lion's share, about 70 per cent, goes to the county council and the rest to the police and fire services.

Cannock Chase Council has listened to people's views, and the cabinet is recommending accepting the requests to save CCTV, town centre flower beds and the funding for the CAB, amongst other things. Nearly three quarters of the reductions in spending will be on further efficiency savings, capitalising expenditure, shared services and reduced management costs, thus minimising the cuts to front line services.

When the new designer village at Mill Green is open in 2019 the council's financial position will be much better. We have already been very successful in attracting investment to the Chase district, too successful according to the Government! The designer village is the icing on the cake.

GEORGE ADAMSON
Leader of Cannock Chase Council

Time to consider cut in number of inmates

IT was a disgraceful failure of the Government to cut prison officers by 30 per cent leaving them in the precarious dangerous position they are now in.

Even tax investigators were cut. This was decided at a time when a serious recovery plan of evaded and avoided tax would have retrieved a lot of the £80 billion or more of hidden funds owed to the millions of people working in or benefiting from the NHS, police, schools, youth centres, prisons and others. Prisoner numbers are twice what they were compared to Mrs Thatcher's time, so perhaps some consideration should be given to reducing the number of offenders in jail who are sentenced for up to six months.

There is always plenty of litter and graffiti to be cleared up, as well as tree planting, for them to do under supervision. Prison officers need to be recruited in small groups at a time to the prisons of worst disorder.

MR CHRIS SEAL
Cannock

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Stop criticising landlords

NOT all landlords exploit tenants, contrary to what Councillor Witton keeps writing. I know a number who provide more than a fair system, and without their investment the homeless total would rocket. New legislation will reduce their profits by 40 per cent annually on mortgage-based borrowing. Surely you have to question why Labour did not invest in social housing when they had overall power.

MR A ALLPORT
Huntington

This lack of ideas is not surprising

PAUL Witton correctly states the Government has failed to achieve its austerity targets (Letters, December 29).

In six years it has increased the national debt by £600 billion and by its own figures expects it to rise by a further £400 billion in the next four years, to a staggering £2 trillion. For sheer economic incompetence, the Tories are unrivalled.

Mark Carney, the Governor of the Bank of England, warns that 15 million jobs could be lost to automation and there must be radical changes to how our economy operates.

What those changes should be he does not say, which is hardly surprising, considering he is tasked with saving capitalism.

If he was a scientist of political economy, he might argue the answer is socialism, but he is not paid £750,000 a year to reach that conclusion.

KEVIN WILCOX
Hammerwich

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HENRY MAJ
Armitage

Our council does have a policy on social housing

IN reply to Mr Allport, his comments prove to me that he is obviously unaware of the council's commitment to try and provide adequate affordable social homes. Cannock's Labour-run council has a policy that housing developments should have a proportion of 20 per cent of social housing.

In spite of government cuts, the council have managed to build homes for the first time since the 1980s. The answer to Mr Allport's question on the number of homes built under the current Labour council is, it was reported in October 2014 that it was building 21 in Rugeley, and 65 in Chadsmoor as part of a scheme which will see 141 in total.

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Garage and restaurant earmarked for homes

PLANS have been submitted to bulldoze a landmark family-run car dealership and Indian restaurant in Rugeley to make way for housing.

The proposal would see the Wishing Well garage on Brereton Hill, just off the A51, and Must restaurant next door demolished and replaced by four houses to be sold on the open market.

Applicants named as Mr and Mrs Johnson have submitted a formal scheme to Lichfield District Council.

The Wishing Well second-hand car business has been trading since 1969 and has been run from the Brereton Hill site since 1993.

In January 2008 it was the scene of an incident in which a man drove off from the former petrol station on the plot without paying, only to trap the arm of a garage attendant who tried to stop them.

The Wishing Well garage and Indian restaurant Must on Brereton Hill

Rated

After the culprit was tracked down by police, he was handed a suspended jail sentence by a judge who described the offence as 'disgraceful'.

Meanwhile, many people living nearby will be sad to learn that Must is earmarked for closure. The restaurant is rated among the best 20 places to eat in Rugeley on TripAdvisor, where dozens of reviewers have declared the food and service as 'excellent'.

One of the contentious issues the council will have to mull over is whether the development would harm the green belt land upon which it sits.

However, on behalf of the applicants, Lichfield-based planning consultants have pointed out that the scheme would result in a 77 per cent reduction in physical buildings, as well as car parking spaces slashed from 62 bays to 16. A development document states: "The use of the application site as a car sales and valeting centre, as well as an Indian restaurant, evidently generates significantly more traffic and car parking than the proposed residential development.

"It also lends to a particularly cluttered view since the sales centre displays the cars in the most visually prominent locations, as one would expect for a sales centre. The proposed replacement of these uses by four detached dwellings will materially reduce the amount of traffic associated with the existing uses of the site. It will also remove the significant number of cars parked and displayed for sale."

The firm says the scheme will constitute a 'significant improvement' on the openness of the area. The two businesses declined to comment when asked to confirm if they were destined for permanent closure or whether they were planning to relocate.

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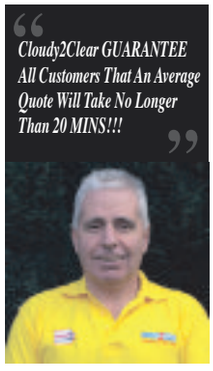

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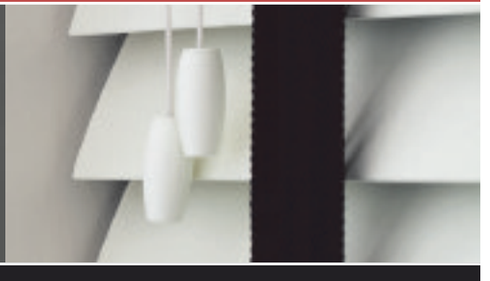

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Traveller caravans increase by a quarter

THE number of traveller caravans in and around Staffordshire and the Black Country increased by more than a quarter in two years, new figures show.

Government statistics showed that last January the number of caravans being lived in across the region was 540, up from 431 in January 2014 – a rise of 25.2 per cent.

Fifty one of the 540 were found to be illegally placed – 35 in Sandwell and 16 in South Staffordshire.

Walsall saw the largest increase, the number of caravans there increasing by 56 per cent, followed by Sandwell, which rose by 46.1 per cent, and Lichfield, where the number increased by a third. Wolverhampton saw a 23 per cent rise.

South Staffordshire and Stafford saw increases of 8.5 per cent and 3.7 per cent respectively. Two councils – Cannock Chase and Dudley – saw their counts fall.

Walsall Council counted 116 caravans last January, and 51 in January 2014.

The data is provided in councils' traveller caravan counts, which must be undertaken twice a year – in January and again in July.

The biggest number of caravans in one district – 128 – was recorded in South Staffordshire last January.

Sandwell Council saw its total increase from 35 to 65 in January 2016 but that rise was down to the 35 illegally parked there.

Wolverhampton City Council had 40 plots – all occupied during the two years until January 2016 – at its Showell Road site. It also saw an increase from zero to 12 caravans on a designated site from 2014 to 2016.

Stafford's Glover Street Itinerant Site dropped from 11 to six in 2016 but another eight moved there in the two years before. Cannock Chase saw the number fall from 42 to 37 last January.

Dudley's declined from 66 to 57 in the two years from January 2014. Lichfield's rose from four to six.

By Nathan Briant

Paramedic faces new wait over job

Paramedic Matthew Geary, aged 38, from Great Wyrley admitted failing to undertake his duty

A PARAMEDIC who failed to help a man dying outside a hospital must wait to find out if his career is over.

Matthew Geary, aged 38, from Great Wyrley, stood with his hands in his pockets as Carl Cope lay on the floor dying from a heart condition outside Walsall Manor Hospital.

Geary was given an eight-month suspended sentence after he admitted failing to undertake his duty and help the patient in the incident on June 23, 2012.

He was given a reprieve by the Health and Care Professions Council last January as a panel ruled he could continue working under a two-year supervision.

The result was appealed by the Professional Standards Authority to the High Court, which ruled that the public interest had not been fully addressed. On July 22 the High Court sent the case back to the HCPC for a re-determination on the original Conditions of Practice sanction.

It meant Geary was back in front of the same panel on Friday to determine if he can continue as a paramedic. His case was adjourned until March 10 after questions were raised about the qualifications of the legal assessor at his disciplinary hearing, although Karen Aldred maintains she is rightly qualified having taken advice for the Law Society.

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Veteran comic promises a knight to remember

SIR Ken Dodd will entertain fans in Cannock during the new season at the Prince of Wales Centre.

The veteran funnyman, who was knighted in the Queen's New Year honours, is a regular visitor to the Church Street theatre and makes a welcome return on February 26.

But he is not the only big name to line-up for the spring season.

The programme kicks off with 80s legends Go West next Friday, January 20. The duo, namely Peter Cox and Richard Drummie, are famous for such hits as King of Wishful Thinking, We Close Our Eyes, Call Me and Don't Look Down.

Celebrating 50 years in the business, Gilbert O'Sullivan performs at the Prince of Wales for the first time, with a date on March 14. Soul star Ruby Turner appears on Sunday, May 28.

Go West kick off the programme

Sir Ken Dodd makes a return

Soul star Ruby Turner is at the venue

Make a date with Psychic Sally

Voice

Strictly star Pasha Kovalev will dance the night away with special guest Anya Garnis, while fans can also go back to the 60s with New Amen Corner, Mike Pender, the original voice of the Searchers and one time Manfred Mann frontman Mike D'Abo.

A few familiar faces will be back on stage, including Ann Breen, Beyond the Barricade and Dublin Legends. Mediums Tony Stockwell and Psychic Sally are at the venue and there is the usual mix of tribute bands and amateur dramatics productions.

Centre manager Richard Kay said the theatre was delighted to be hosting the Brit award-winning 80s pop icons, but added: "Go West are just one of a number of first class concerts this season.

"The Prince of Wales is equally the cultural hub for the very best in amateur theatre. We are blessed in Cannock Chase with a number of extremely strong groups and societies. This season you can see productions of Cinderella, Oliver and Rock of Ages to name but a few.

"We have been working really hard to develop the drama element of the programme and our association with Ambient Night Productions is growing from strength to strength. This season's production of Up Pompeii should keep that going."

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Seven-day GP services scheme 'will hit care'

A ROUTINE seven-day doctor service is 'unrealistic' and could have a serious effect on weekday care, Britain's leading GP, who is based in Staffordshire, has said.

Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, chairwoman of the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), said most GPs were working 'at the limits of what is safe', with a number failing to keep pace with patient demand.

Making GPs available at the weekend would reduce the availability of doctors to provide patient care during the week, she said. Prof Stokes-Lampard, who works at The Cloisters Medical Practice in Church Street, Lichfield, said: "GPs are working flat out to do the best they can for their patients, but with a severe shortage of family doctors already seeing record numbers of people, there is no way that a seven-day routine service could be delivered without having a serious impact on services through the week.

"Patients can always see a GP through the out-of-hours service when they urgently need one.

"But there is a distinction between 'need' and 'want' and there is very little evidence to show that patients want or need to see a GP for non-urgent care on a Sunday afternoon.

GPs chief Dr Helen Stokes-Lampard

"It's unrealistic in the current climate. We haven't got the people, we haven't got the resources."

Some 1.3 million patient consultations take place in general practice every day, with around 60 million more patients every year compared with five years ago, she estimated.

Prof Stokes-Lampard's remarks came after she warned last month that patients could be forced to wait weeks to see their family doctor as overstretched medics struggle to keep waiting times down during the winter.

A Department of Health spokeswoman said: "This is a common-sense reform with wide public support – and one we will deliver.

"People don't just get ill Monday to Friday, nine to five, and 18 million patients now have weekend and extended access to a GP, which has already shown evidence of relieving pressure on other parts of the NHS. To deliver our pledge, we are putting an extra £2.4 billion into GP services, which will help expand the workforce."

Meanwhile, a poll of doctors has suggested that GP surgeries should be placed in accident and emergency departments to see patients who turn up to hospital inappropriately.

As key targets for waiting times are missed at A&E departments across England, the survey found that 61 per cent of GPs and secondary care doctors believed this step was necessary to relieve pressure on emergency departments.

Foster families feature in campaign

Campaign stars – some of the foster carers who feature in the county council's recruitment drive

SIXTY new foster families need to be found 'urgently' in Staffordshire this year, according to the county council.

A campaign has been launched, featuring families currently carrying out the role, to find more to take care of the region's most vulnerable children.

Photographs will feature on posters, videos, billboards and social media calling on potential families as part of the initiative. Mark Sutton, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "This is a great campaign that calls on people to consider fostering and to take that first step towards a hugely rewarding career.

"This time round we've invited our carers to be the stars of our campaign, and they want the rest of the county to know just how much looking after children has added to their lives. We do have an urgent need for more foster carers in Staffordshire." Councillor Sutton said people who wanted to foster needed to care about children, have great communication skills and be ready for a challenge.

Those interested in finding out more are invited to attend one of the council's information evenings. To view the campaign video and others about fostering, type 'Staffordshire County Council foster carers' into YouTube.

£9.5k boost for wildlife HQ's outdoor classroom

Vodafone in £1k donation

Bob Heighway of SNAP with store manager Siobhan Cole

MEMBERS of the Special Needs Adventure Playground (SNAP) charity are celebrating after receiving £1,000 from Vodafone UK.

SNAP collected the Vodafone Community Connection Award last month – after staff in its Cannock store chose the deserving cause.

The charity was set up in May 2003 to provide indoor and outdoor play facilities for children with special needs, so they can play in a relaxed and safe environment. Thanks to the £1,000 award, it will purchase new equipment for the outdoor play area, including a new roller-system cover for the sand pit.

SNAP chairman Bob Heighway, who entered the charity for the award, said: "We're extremely grateful for the £1,000 award donated by Vodafone – we've been needing to purchase new equipment for the outdoor play area, especially a new cover for the sand pit."

Siobhan Cole, manager of the Vodafone store in Cannock, said: "We are delighted to be able to help the Special Needs Adventure Playground.

"SNAP provide a safe and friendly environment where children and adults can go to play and relax. It is an absolute privilege to be able to help and support a really great cause."

A REVAMP of the outdoor 'classroom' at Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's HQ can go ahead thanks to a £9,500 grant.

The cash from the Veolia Environmental Trust has been made available through the Landfill Communities Fund and will help to pay for a complete overhaul of the space.

About 7,500 children each year use the space at the centre, in Wolseley Bridge, near Rugeley, to learn about the natural environment and have fun outside.

Twelve years after it was created, it is 'in desperate need of an upgrade'.

The woodland glade, which is accessed by a grassy path that winds its way through a wildflower meadow, has a storytelling throne surrounded by rustic benches and different activity areas, including ones for den building, natural art and bug hunting.

The project will replace the story-area seating, install a mud kitchen for younger children, a shelter to allow activities in wet weather, and a fire pit.

Popular

The grant is one of 33 awarded to community and environmental projects in England, with a grant total of more than £1 million. Since 1998, the Veolia Environmental Trust has awarded more than £1.7m to 57 projects in Staffordshire.

James Dennison, fundraising and membership manager at Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, said: "The project this grant will help fund will breathe new life into this popular space, meaning we can offer more activities to more children and young people, whatever the weather."

Paul Taylor, executive director of the Veolia Environmental Trust, said: "We are really pleased to be able to support this exciting project, and we look forward to seeing the improved classroom being used and enjoyed.

"Our application process is a competitive one, so the wildlife trust and the other successful applicants must be congratulated on their success."

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Brave victim Jill was still fighting to help others

TRIBUTES have poured in for campaigner Jill Saward – the first rape victim to waive her anonymity and speak out – who died on Thursday following a stroke.

And it has emerged that the 51-year-old's bravery was as strong as ever up until her final hours, as she was kept on life-support in order to donate her kidneys – an act which has already saved two people.

Mrs Saward, who was from Liverpool but came to live in Hednesford, suffered a subarachnoid haemorrhage on Tuesday and passed away around 48 hours later at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton.

A family statement confirming her death said: "Jill dedicated the past 30 years of her life to helping other people. It gives us great comfort to know that our wonderful wife, mother and sister was able to help other people to the very end."

Courageous

Tributes have been paid from various sources. Julie Jones, chief officer of the Lichfield Diocese, where Mrs Drake's husband, Walsall FC matchday announcer Gavin Drake, had once served as director of communications, said: "She was someone who turned her own suffering into a force for good, speaking up for the voiceless."

Attorney General Jeremy Wright said her 'tireless campaigning opened the eyes of many politicians', and Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said: "Jill Saward was a courageous campaigner."

Mrs Saward became a public figure and campaigner for the rights of sex attack victims after she was attacked at her father's vicarage in Ealing, West London, in 1986.

She was raped and sexually abused while her father and then boyfriend were beaten.

'Force for good' – Jill Saward, who campaigned for the rights of sex attack victims

Ordeal inspired campaign

THE crime committed against her was as horrific as it was notorious, but Jill Saward used her experience of rape to change how victims were viewed.

In March 1986, when she was 21, the vicar's daughter was subjected to a savage sexual assault. but in the years that followed, she made sure it was not the attack that came to define her, rather her response to it.

She broke new ground by becoming the first rape victim to cast aside the automatic anonymity she had been granted. She co-wrote a book, Rape: My Story, and over the following years publicised the plight of rape victims, driven on by a determination to help tighten rape laws and strengthen the framework of support victims received.

The mother-of-three worked tirelessly to hold both the Government and the legal system to account over the rights of sexual violence victims, most recently rallying against calls to allow the accused anonymity until conviction.

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Party time with songs from shows

Shareshill WI

PRESIDENT Margaret Beddard welcomed everyone to the Christmas party especially visitors Janet and Wynn from Cannock WI, Helen and June from Hayes Green, Eileen and Joan from Heath Hayes and new Shareshill members Pam Katz and Chrissie Brookes.

Since last meeting 22 members once again had a lovely Christmas meal at The Academy Restaurant – thanks go to Sue for arranging this and also to Pauline for organising the minibus.

Members had also been very busy with rehearsals for the Christmas service, a performance of a 'Nativity with a Difference'. It was a lovely occasion – standing room only at the church and a very appreciative audience.

Margaret reminded members that the WI's chosen charity for raffle and donations instead of sending Christmas cards is the Steve Bull Foundation.

A visit from Father Christmas got the party started and entertainment came from David Golding with songs from the shows and popular favourites until it was time once again to sample Em Barker's wonderful buffet.

A competition for the best Christmas decoration, judged by David, was won by Ann Shutt with Carol Hood in second place.

Margaret thanked David for a wonderful evening of entertainment and Em Barker for the delicious food and wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a safe journey home.

Mystery is solved at festive gathering

The committee, led by president Sandy Hobbs, centre, prepare for the murder mystery

Hayes Green WI

MEMBERS and guests were faced with a murder mystery at the Christmas party – and they had to work out whodunnit.

The Hayes Green WI committee decided to put on a sketch as entertainment.

Everyone was given a picture of the victim, Mr Mellors – the gamekeeper from Lady Chatterley's Lover – who was found dead in the potting shed with a pitchfork in his back.

Members were asked to guess the motive, the accomplice and of course, the murderer. It was based on farce.

President Sandy Hayes took on the role of Jane Marple with the rest of the cast played by the committee.

When papers were collected in, one guest, Cheryl from Shareshill, got all three questions right and was awarded a gift.

Pathway to a better Christmas

SI Cannock & District

CANNOCK Soroptimists, as in previous years, did what they could to provide a better Christmas for some of those in need.

Members provided gifts for the women and children living in a refuge run by the Pathway Project. They sent toys, games, clothing, books, toiletries, jewellery – the recipients of the gifts are always touched that there are people thinking of them. President Carole Holdcroft co-ordinated the club's preparation, cooking and serving of a Christmas dinner for those who use the Soup Kitchen in Mill Street, Cannock. They fund a large part of this meal too and again served more than 50 meals, complete with all of the Christmas trimmings.

In lieu of sending Christmas cards, Soroptimists make donations to their International President's appeal. The appeal, this time Educate to Lead – Nepal to help earthquake victims.

At SI Cannock's own Christmas celebration at the Barns, they were entertained by The Folkies, a small local group who provide good, fun music with audience participation.

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Invincible on the way to Garrick

A THEATRE company will visit Lichfield again for a second tour of a hit show.

The Original Theatre Company will perform Invincible at the Lichfield Garrick from March 21 to 25.

The show, written by playwright Torben Betts, will be directed by Christopher Harper.

Alastair Whatley, Emily Bowker and Graeme Brookes will reprise the roles of Oliver, Emily and Alan respectively. Elizabeth Boag joins the 2017 tour as Dawn.

The play tells the story of Emily and Oliver, who decide to downsize from their middle-class London lifestyle and move to the north of England.

Tickets are £22.50 and £15 for students.

They can be booked online at lichfieldgarrick.com or by calling the box office on 01543 412121.

Plans sent to council

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Land off Milestone Way, Burntwood – retention of temporary fencing to site boundary.

2 Church Lane, Kings Bromley – single-storey side extension to form bedroom and lounge.

Comments must be received by January 24.

Eyesore now family home after a £38,000 makeover

The outside of the property, which had stood empty since the former owners died in 2002

The newly transformed property sits in stark contrast to its previous condition

A DERELICT bungalow which has plagued a community for more than a decade has been transformed.

By Tom Oakley

The rundown property in Chase Road, Burntwood, had stood empty ever since the former owners died in 2002.

No relatives came forward to start probate at the time, which meant the home fell into a poor state of repair, creating an 'eyesore' in the area with overgrown gardens, cracked windows, boarded-up doors and faded paintwork.

Due to the detrimental impact it was having on neighbouring properties, Lichfield District Council sought permission to carry out a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to bring the property back into use.

The bungalow was bought in October 2015 and then sold to housing group Bromford so it could be transformed into an affordable home. Councillor Colin Greatorex, cabinet member for housing and health at Lichfield District Council, said: "It's always sad to see a property fall into a state of disrepair, and this bungalow had become an eyesore for the local community.

"I am really pleased we were able to help bring it back into use through using our powers to apply for a compulsory purchase order.

"Bromford has done a great job refurbishing the bungalow, and I am sure it will offer a family a lovely place to call home for years to come."

Bromford's empty-homes team and a number of sub-contractors have now completed a 14-week refurbishment project costing around £38,000 which included replacing the kitchen, bathroom, windows, chimney, driveway, fencing and gas connection, as well as clearing the overgrown gardens.

A family have moved into the two-bed property.

Darrin Gamble, of Bromford, said: "This is further evidence of the great partnership working between Bromford and Lichfield District Council, and it is these kind of initiatives which we really need to help tackle the growing housing crisis across the West Midlands and beyond.

"We're delighted to be able to bring this unoccupied property, which was for a long period an eyesore in the local area, back into use for a much-needed family home. The refurbishment has certainly helped create a better visual environment for the whole community."

Plea after deer killed in collision

A DEER and its fawn were killed and left lying in the road after they were hit by a car in Burntwood.

David and Rebecca King, aged 35 and 33, were in Milestone Way when they came across the scene on New Year's Eve at 5.30pm.

Mr King removed the deer from the road while his wife called the rangers.

Rebecca's mother Pat Gittings said: "This stretch of road encircles Burntwood and unfortunately is an open invitation for some people to speed. That is despite notices of the deer's presence and reflectors."

"Unfortunately, most of these have mindlessly been removed by vandals.

"I want to plead with the relevant departments to do something because this was awful to witness.

Jazz season set to start

LICHFIELD Jazz opens another new year season at the George IV in the city's Bore Street on Wednesday, January 18.

Jeremy Price's Double Brass Quartet will be performing from 8pm.

Trombonist Jeremy Price is head of jazz at Birmingham Conservatoire, and alongside him will be Nick Dewhurst on trumpet. Admission is £5.

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Websites selling fake degrees closed down

FRAUDULENT websites selling degrees from fake universities claiming to be based in the West Midlands region have been shut down.

The Higher Education Degree Datacheck – Hedd – was tasked with investigating bogus providers as part of a government crackdown started in June 2015. Since it began Hedd has closed down 50 sites.

By Alex Ross

Run by Prospects, it also provides a certificate verification service, and is investigating another 130 reports.

Out of the websites closed down, one offering courses from a Wolverhamton University – without the p in the middle – and another calling itself Stafford University have been shut.

The websites are usually created overseas and copy information, including course and campus details, from the authentic university – University of Wolverhampton or Staffordshire University.

Charge

Jayne Parsons, deputy chief executive of Prospects, said: "We have university graduates who have worked really hard, and the idea of someone who has not completed a degree and holds a bogus certificate getting a job opportunity is criminal."

The websites can charge around £250 for the so-called course they are offering. They can ask customers, some of whom may be victims themselves, to send in work experience and coursework.

Once the degree certificate is provided, the bogus website offers to verify it.

But a check on Higher Education Degree Datacheck will prove that it is a fake.

Ms Parsons said the 'Wolverhamton' University site was closed in October 2015.

She said: "They took information from the University of Wolverhampton for the site to make their own look authentic."

But the site was spotted when a potential employer flagged it up with Hedd, which runs in partnership with the University of Wolverhampton.

A website called www.stafford.ac was closed in September last year.

It used a similar web address to universities in the UK, which use 'ac.uk' at the end of web addresses. However, the website was traced to a fraudster in New York.

Ms Parsons said it also 'piggy-backed' on information from Staffordshire University.

She said people who purchased fake degree certificates could be charged with fraud and faced a maximum prison sentence of 10 years.

Dr Chris Twine, academic registrar at the University of Wolverhampton, said: "The university works in partnership with the Higher Education Degree Datacheck service to identify sites offering fake degrees, and we have robust internal measures to prevent similar fraudulent activity."

"Genuine students work hard to achieve their degree results so we fully support strong action."

Car overturns after collision

The scene of the crash *Picture: Gemma Neville*

ONE person was taken to hospital after a car overturned in the middle of a busy road following a crash.

Traffic had to be stopped at the junction of Bradford Street and Cannock Road in Hednesford after the accident at 1.40pm last Tuesday.

A silver Ford overturned, and the front of a green Vauxhall Corsa was also badly damaged.

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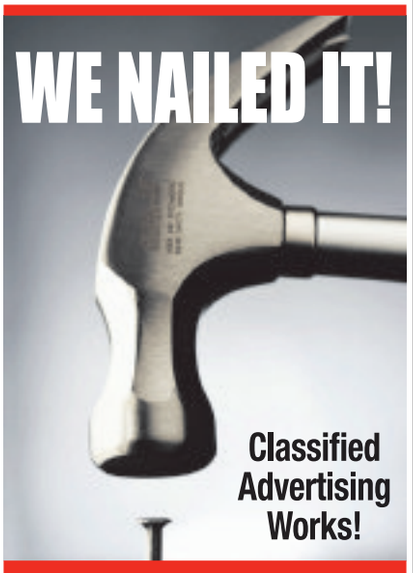

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Acoustic festival acts unveiled

THE Acoustic Festival Of Britain has announced the first wave of artists who will grace the stage at Uttoxeter Racecourse this summer.

Among the acts lined up are folk-rock legends Fairport Convention, who celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2017.

Martin Turner, a founding member of Wishbone Ash, will also appear with his band, playing a selection of music from the back catalogue of the British rock outfit.

Chart-topping three-piece Hoosiers will also grace the stage with their brand of Anglo-American pop-rock.

The Men They Couldn't Hang, the pioneering London-based folk-punk band who came to prominence alongside The Pogues with a string of indie chart hits, will also appear at the festival, which takes place from June 2 to 4.

Other acts include Howard Jones, Tir Na Nog, John Otway, and Ed Tudor Pole, with 'lots more' names still to be confirmed.

Visit www.acousticfestival.co.uk

I stole because of boredom – woman, 79

A PROLIFIC thief started stealing from shops at the age of 74 because she was bored, Cannock Magistrates Court heard. June Humphreys, 79, was most recently caught by a supermarket security guard after stealing items from two Stafford stores on December 12.

The pensioner had told police that she started shoplifting because she was bored and wanted to get out of her hometown of Crewe, about 30 miles away. Humphreys was flanked by security guards and hunched over a shopping trolley as she made her way into a courtroom to admit two counts of theft.

She has 38 previous convictions, all for matters of dishonesty, committed after she reached her mid-70s.

When asked why she had taken goods worth £23.50 on December 12 in Stafford, she told police officers: "I don't know why I did it, I just took them, all right?

"I don't know. I don't get anything out of it. I'm bored, I suppose. I just wanted to get out of Crewe."

Humphreys was caught by a Sainsbury's security guard after she took stationery worth £4 from the supermarket in Chell Road.

Warrant

In her shopping trolley, there were two packs of Pampers nappies and baby milk worth £19.50. The items had been stolen from the Wilko store in Broad Street earlier. She said she had tried to take them for a friend with little money.

Police issued an arrest warrant after Humphreys failed to arrive at court on December 30. Mr Neil O'Driscoll, defending, said she had tried to get a bus to Cannock from Crewe but was unaware where she had to go and got lost 'but she managed to find her way to the court yesterday'.

Humphreys, of Verdin Court, Crewe, was fined £80. She must also pay £135 costs and a £30 surcharge.

A charge of failing to surrender was withdrawn.

JCB deal is among its biggest single orders

The order is fantastic news says JCB's chief executive

JCB started 2017 by winning one of the biggest single orders in its 71-year history. The £114 million deal will see the Staffordshire digger giant supply the United States Army with a massive fleet of machines.

It is to deliver more than 1,600 light-capability rough-terrain forklifts for deployment on tasks around the world including loading and unloading aircraft and shipping containers. The new 527-58M forklift is engineered from JCB's range of commercial Loadall telescopic handlers – a machine which this year celebrates 40 years in production and which is the biggest-selling product of its kind in the world.

JCB chief executive Graeme Macdonald said: "This order is fantastic news for JCB. It is the second-highest-value order in the company's history."

The largest single deal in JCB's history also came from the US Army in 2005 when a 206 million dollar order was placed to produce hundreds of high-speed military versions of JCB's famous backhoe loader.

Roadworks alert

DRIVERS in Cannock should expect delays near the town centre while new water pipes are being laid. Temporary traffic lights will be in operation in Newhall Street, near the Danilo Road junction, until Monday.

Staying fit after cancer

FREE exercise sessions are being run at Chase Leisure Centre encouraging and supporting breast cancer sufferers to stay active.

The class, which runs every Tuesday from 3.30 to 4.30pm, helps to manage fatigue and regain strength, stamina and confidence.

Active After Cancer classes were created through a partnership between Macmillan Cancer Support and Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles. Email activelivingcannock@wlct.org or call 01889 586620.

Road ban for driver tested for alcohol

A CHADSMOOR man who was caught driving while more than twice the legal drink-drive limit has been banned from getting behind the wheel for 18 months.

Lee Wright was seen by police driving at high speed in a Range Rover near junction 15 on the M6 on December 11. He turned off the motorway at junction 14 and continued at high speed before being stopped by officers near Stafford after they became concerned by his erratic driving.

He was tested and found to have 72 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35mg.

Cannock Magistrates Court heard that he was 'very embarrassed' by his actions.

His partner has had to give up work to drive him around after he was immediately barred from the roads.

Wright, aged 41, of Princess Street, was also fined £480 for driving with excess alcohol in his system. He must also pay court costs of £143 and a victim surcharge of £40.

Lisa Cook and her partner Andrew Beck

Lisa's parents Terry and Betty

It's like lotto win – transplant Lisa

FOUR years ago Lisa Cook became blind due to long-term diabetes, her marriage broke down and her kidneys began rapidly deteriorating.

She was facing life alone as a disabled person. But she has welcomed 2017 with her sight restored, a new partner who stood by her through the worst of her health troubles, and a new pancreas and kidney which mean she no longer has diabetes.

The 46-year-old Wolverhampton University administrator says she feels like she has won the Lottery.

Now she is backing NHS Blood and Transplant's fresh drive to encourage people to join the organ donor register.

There are 6,500 people, including 150 children, on the waiting list for a transplant but a shortage of donors means many never have the life-saving operation.

In the past 12 months, 463 people have died waiting. Lisa's own health problems started 27 years ago when she was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes but the condition was kept under control until she lost her sight as a consequence. She and her husband split up, butnot the sort to sit around and mope, she joined a dating website and met 56-year-old Andrew Beck, a learning disability nurse from Willenhall, who, she says, 'saw me for my personality, not my disability'.

Eventually she had an operation to restore her sight – completely in her left eye, but with some distortion still in the other.

But not long afterwards she developed cellulitis in her leg and it was during this three-week stay in hospital that doctors found that her kidneys were deteriorating.

She was put on peritoneal dialysis, so she could carry out the treatment herself at home between 10pm and 6am, allowing her to carry on working full time. She also went on the transplant list.

But she kept getting sick with peritonitis, each time having to come off the transplant list, until she opted in January 2015 for haemodialysis, which gave less risk of infection but meant she would have to attend New Cross Hospital three times a week. Then at 8am on August 23 last year she received the phone call that was to transform her life.

Parents Terry, 77, and Betty, 73, drove from their Burntwood home and took her to Oxford's Churchill Hospital where she was told, after a day of tests, that the organs were a good match.

"It was very emotional because of the circumstances. All I knew about the donor was that she was a 17-year-old girl," Lisa said.

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The college are offering people the chance to sign up for courses that run from January to July in subjects including Creative Media, Photography, Barbering, Floristry, Dog Grooming, and many more. Designed to prepare you for progression onto a deeper full-time study programme starting in September, the courses will give you a qualification, help you develop new skills and gain an insight into the industry you're passionate about.

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January also signals the start of a huge range of part-time adult learning opportunities too.

Ideal for those who want to find a new hobby or fulfil long-term ambitions, these courses, which include subjects from Welding to Tai Chi, Latin to Portrait Painting, are available to adults of all ages and run at times and dates throughout the week.

The new year is also the perfect time for those who want to take it higher, by signing up to a university-level course at the college via UCAS by January 15. From Foundation Degrees to BA Hons, the college offer an impressive range of higher-level courses, many of which are delivered in partnership with Staffordshire University and the University of Wolverhampton.

Best of all, many of these higher-level courses are available in a way that's affordable to you, making gaining a degree more accessible than ever! Whatever your ambitions, whatever your interests, there is something for everyone at South Staffordshire College. Sign up now and make 2017 your best year yet!

To find out more, visit www.southstaffs.ac.uk/january or call 0300 456 2424. Alternatively, why not visit the January open events:

Tuesday, January 24: Cannock Campus, The Green, 6pm-8pm.

Wednesday, January 25: Tamworth Campus, 6pm-8pm.

Wednesday, January 25: TORC Campus, 6pm-8pm

Thursday, January 26: Lichfield Campus, 6pm-8pm.

Saturday, January 28: Rodbaston Campus, 10am-1pm.

Want to study A-levels or due to start in Year 9 next September? The Rural Enterprise Academy are holding an open event on Saturday, January 28 too!

Based on South Staffordshire College's Rodbaston Estate, the event runs from 10am to midday and is an ideal opportunity to tour the Academy and find out more about the unique educational opportunities, including the chance to blend traditional GCSEs and A-levels with qualifications in Agriculture, Horse Care and Animal Care!

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Calls double to helpline

THE number of calls to a children's charity fromStaffordshire and the Black Country in December 2015 was more than double that of four years previously. The NSPCC helpline received 126 contacts from the region – more than double the total of 61 from the same period in 2011. Of the 126 contacts, 84 were in the Black Country and 42 in Staffordshire. Reports of sexual abuse had risen from four to 17. NSPCC chief executive Peter Wanless said: "The festive season should be a happy time of year to be shared with loved ones but sadly that is not the case for all children."

Fireworks petition is signed by thousands

MORE than 3,300 people in Staffordshire and the Black Country have backed a petition calling on the Government to ban the sale of fireworks to members of the public.

The petition, which has been signed by about 150,000 people across the country, wants only organised displays to be approved, to help prevent injuries and protect animals.

By Tom Oakley

But the Government responded by saying it had no plans to limit any further the sale and use of fireworks.

There was a rush to sign the petition in the run-up to the New Year celebrations, with nearly 1,200 people adding their names in Staffordshire – 288 in Cannock Chase, 281 in South Staffordshire, 248 in Lichfield, and 201 in Stafford.

There were 401 supporters in Wolverhampton, while nearly 500 backed the campaign in Walsall and more than 560 in Dudley and the Wyre Forest district.

Accidents

Despite tens of thousands of responses, the matter will not be debated in Parliament, as it was previously discussed in June.

Mike Old, who created the petition, wrote: "Every year people are hurt, burnt, maimed and even lose their lives through accidents involving fireworks.

"Every year people are terrorised by the misuse of fireworks. Every year animals are hurt and traumatised by fireworks."

A spokesman for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy said: "The Government recognises the concerns raised about the use of fireworks by the public, particularly the potential distress caused by the use of noisy fireworks to pets, livestock and the public, and injuries caused by accidents and the misuse of fireworks.

"Many individuals enjoy being able to hold private fireworks displays at home, and have a sensible and responsible attitude to their use. Indeed, the majority of the public who use fireworks do so in a safe and considerate way – it is only an anti-social minority that uses them dangerously and inconsiderately."

While members of the public can hold private firework displays at any time of the year, they are subject to strict curfews which prevent fireworks being used after 11pm, except on a limited number of specific nights of the year around the traditional celebrations of November 5 when they can be used until midnight or New Year, Chinese New Year and Diwali when they can be used until 1am.

It comes as Staffordshire County Council urged people not to use sky lanterns as part of their New Year celebrations.

Councillor Gill Heath, cabinet member for the environment, said: "Many people aren't aware of the risks they pose to property and the misery they can cause to wildlife and farm animals."

Busiest-ever day sees in 2017 for ambulance staff

WEST Midlands Ambulance Service had its busiest day ever on New Year's Day, new figures have revealed.

The service received 4,629 emergency calls across all the areas it covers – 807 more than the next busiest day, which was New Year's Day 2011.

It rounded off a busy festive period for the trust which runs the service.

For the five-day period from December 29 to January 2, the service took a total of 18,583 calls compared with 15,933 for the same period in 2015-16, equating to a 16.6 per cent rise in call numbers for the five days. Staffordshire had 866 calls on January 1, 690 on December 31 and 679 on January 2.

The service saw the evening of New Year's Eve and the early hours of New Year's Day filled with alcohol-related calls including assaults, falls and unconscious patients, the majority of calls during the five days were for people who were unwell with the likes of breathing difficulties, chest pains and falls.

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No parking fees at Chasewater

COUNCIL bosses have announced that parking charges are not about to be introduced at Chasewater – but admitted that they may be in the future.

Signs put up at the beauty spot informed visitors that they would have to pay to leave their cars from this year.

However, Staffordshire County Council, which manages Chasewater, has now confirmed that those signs have been taken down and that charges would not be introduced without a public consultation first.

Councillor Mark Winnington, economic growth chief, said: "We already charge at some of our car parks including at Marquis Drive and Milford Common on Cannock Chase and are looking at the possibility of extending this to other car parks.

"We are exploring the possibility of introducing a small charge for parking at Chasewater. The car parking fees will help to ensure we can run the park safely, as well as being able to use the funds to reinvest in the park," Councillor Winnington added.

County council's food and drink bill tops £300k

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council has spent more than £300,000 on refreshments in the last two years, latest figures show. A Freedom of Information request revealed that the council spent £166,835 on items such as tea, coffee and meals for the 2015-16 financial year.

The figure was an increase on the previous financial year, when £157,453 was spent. In total the authority spent £324,288 on refreshments from the start of April 2014 to the end of March 2016. It come at a time when the council needs to save tens of millions of pounds and has proposed to cut local services.

The authority still faces spending gaps of £14.7 million for the 2017-18 budget, £20.6m in 2018-19, £30.7m in 2019-20 and another £35.3m in 2020-21.

In what it has described as its 'most challenging budget to date', the council has proposed to increase council tax by 3.95 per cent and reduce its funding for children's services, and drug and alcohol services.

Deputy leader and finance boss Ian Parry said: "The total, which is 0.02 per cent of the council's overall budget, includes a variety of situations from where we have tea and coffee for non-council guests, food and drink for staff, including teachers, attending training courses, and other items.

"As always, we regularly review our costs and consider where and how we can make savings."

The latest figures show the council's biggest outlay came in supplying refreshments to its staff internally as well as workers from education company Entrust, with whom the council has a partnership.

The authority spent £77,980 in 2014-15 and £104,984 in 2015-16 on internal and Entrust staff.

Staff also claimed more than £7,000 over the two years for teas and coffees with petty cash. The council paid out £5,203 in 2014-15 and £1,852 in 2015-16.

Historic Ivy House pub is up for grabs

On the market – new people are being sought to run The Ivy House, in Stafford Road, Newtown, near Great Wyrley

NEW owners are being sought to run a historic pub with the business going up for sale on Rightmove.

The Ivy House in Stafford Road, Newtown, near Great Wyrley, dates back to the mid-19th Century and used to serve local miners and canal workers.

The business – up for sale at £79,995 – has won four Pub of the Year awards from the Campaign For Real Ale. It has also received a Certificate of Excellence from Trip Advisor. It currently employs 25 people and generates a turnover of £480,000. There is nine years left of the lease.

Father-of-five Martin Cregeen, aged 58, who has run the pub with his wife Hilary for 12 years, said: "We are getting to the age where we are starting to slow down a bit. It is now a nice profitable business, and the time is right to sell."

The listing for The Ivy House on Rightmove states: "New owners could continue to operate the business using the same highly successful formula, or they may wish to put their own stamp on the business."

Packs reminder

STAFFORDSHIRE traders are being reminded that all tobacco products must be sold in plain packaging from May 20. The county's trading standards team issued the reminder to back a campaign highlighting the effect smoking has on the heart.

Advice for cold snaps

PEOPLE in Staffordshire are being encouraged to take a few simple steps to help keep well during cold weather.

The county council is also urging people to check on older family, friends and neighbours, particularly if they have any health conditions.

People can seek advice from pharmacists if they are feeling unwell with coughs or colds. Ideally, homes should be heated to at least 18C. Visit www.nhs.co.uk/stayingwell for more details.

Service helps elderly to stay safe at home

A PIONEERING health and information service in South Staffordshire is making strides in supporting older people to stay healthy, safe and independent in their own home.

The Care Navigation Service delivered by Age UK South Staffordshire and South Staffordshire Community and Voluntary Action (CVA) is a free service helping community health teams to increase the levels of access to information and support that people who are undergoing challenges in their lives can get in the local community.

The partnership programme is commissioned by Cannock Chase, Stafford and Surrounds and South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula Clinical Commissioning Groups. CCG senior primary care commissioning manager Mark Jenkinson said: "Care navigation supports a range of health professionals to work with the voluntary and community sector to ensure vulnerable people get the right care in the right place at the right time."

Councillor John Reynolds, left, and Jonn Penney, look at the line-up for the first Wolverhampton Literary Festival

Book in for the city's first literary festival

FROM chats with music stars to performances at some of Wolverhampton's most treasured venues – the city's first literary festival is set have something for everyone.

The team behind the inaugural event has now finalised its line-up featuring dozens of authors, poets and acts across 13 venues. The main attraction for many will be award-winning author Sathnam Sanghera.

The former Wolverhampton Grammar School student's first book, The Boy With The Topknot: A Memoir of Love, Secrets and Lies in Wolverhampton, is being adapted for TV to air on the BBC this year. It was shortlisted for the 2008 Costa Biography Award, the 2009 PEN-Ackerley Prize and named 2009 Mind Book of the Year.

The 40-year-old has also won numerous prizes for his journalism, including the accolade of Young Journalist of the Year at the British Press Awards in 2002.

City councillor John Reynolds, who is responsible for the visitor economy and supports the festival, said: "His books have won incredible reviews."

Others will no doubt be drawn by two rock frontmen. Ned's Atomic Dustbin frontman Jonn Penney will discuss the early years of the so-called 'grebo' scene with best-selling author Martin Roach at The Slade Rooms. And The Wonder Stuff frontman Miles Hunt will talk about the band's most successful years between 1990-94.

Younger audiences and those looking for laughs will have a chance to see Black Country treasure Doreen Tipton at the University of Wolverhampton. Express & Star columnist Peter Rhodes will run through many of the stories published in the newspaper.

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Abduction notices issued by police

STAFFORDSHIRE Police have issued 19 abduction notices between June and November last year, latest figures show.

The force issued the notices as a deterrent to people believed to be harbouring children.

The figures show that nine were issued in June, four in July, none in August, three in September, none in October and four in November.

The figures are highlighted in a child sexual exploitation report to be discussed by Staffordshire County Council's safe and strong communities select committee on Monday.

A report prepared for the meeting states: "Consideration is always given to this approach during risk management strategy meetings. This information is now being shared with children's services."

Abduction notices were introduced in 2015 and allow forces to serve a warning if they believe a person is in the company of a child without a reasonable excuse.

Former post office earmarked as cafe hopes to expand

A CERAMICS cafe will be moved into a former post office building if an application is approved.

The cafe is currently based in Penkridge but could be moved to bigger premises in Main Road, Milford.

Milford's post office was one of a number in Staffordshire that were closed down in August 2008. It is hoped there will be one full-time job and three part-time jobs created as part of the cafe project.

People will be able to learn how to paint ceramics there. Developers Rob Duncan Planning Consultancy said it is hoped it will 'enhance the vitality of the area'.

A document submitted to Stafford Borough Council states: "The ceramics are homemade by the applicant and put on display within the studio for customers to choose from, with instruction then given on how to paint them.

"The applicants will be accepting both pre-booked and walk-in customers, and a limited menu will be offered, consisting principally of cold snacks and drinks." The applicant, listed as a Mrs J Kolokovic, wants to expand the number of car parking spaces at the site from four to seven.

Changes

There will be four spaces at the front of the cafe. Two spaces will be designated for staff and two for visitors.

If the application is successful, the cafe will be open from 10am until 4pm from Monday to Friday and from 10am until 4pm on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays.

No structural changes to the building are planned, and so the application accounts only for a change of use, to officially change the shop to the cafe.

The kiln used at the cafe to make the ceramics is not expected to pose any difficulties for residents.

The document adds: "The kiln to be operated on site is akin to a domestic oven and thus not a noisy facility. It currently operates without disturbance or complaint from within the applicant's own home.

"In terms of neighbouring amenity considerations, the proposal will not have any materially greater impact on neighbouring occupiers than the existing use."

Milford's post office was one of four in the Stafford area that were axed in 2008. Others at Marston Road, Great Bridgeford and Wolverhampton Road were also closed down at the time. A decision on the planning application will be made by Stafford Borough Council planning officers later.

Care home up for sale

Offers are invited for Sister Dora Care Home in Milford

A CARE home which was abruptly shut down has been put up for sale.

Elderly residents at the Sister Dora Care Home in Milford, on the edge of Cannock Chase, were moved up to 25 miles away following 'serious concerns' about the level of care. Issues were raised after a visit by Care Quality Commission inspectors who took the decision to remove its registration.

Now the building has come to the market in search for a new owner, with the premises to be used as either a care home or for an alternative purpose subject to planning permission. A price has not yet been set, with offers invited. The home, which has 38 bedrooms, closed on December 1s.

Paul Reilly, associate director at Christie & Co's Birmingham office, which is handling the sale, said the 1920s detached home was an excellent business opportunity.

"The building is well located and sits in approximately 1.5 acres of land so would be ideal for an experienced care operator who is looking to expand their portfolio," he said.

"Alternatively, given its location on the edge of the Chase, it could be converted to a bed and breakfast for walkers or residential use."

Two men held after car chase along the A5

TWO men have been arrested on suspicion of theft after a car chase near Gailey.

Staffordshire Police arrested the two men after a green Ford Focus, believed to be on cloned registration plates, failed to stop.

Officers followed the car before it came to a stop on the A5, just past junction 12 of the M6 heading towards Cannock.

Two men ran off from the vehicle and were subsequently arrested at a nearby location.

A further three suspected stolen vehicles were recovered from this site.

One of these vehicles contained a quantity of suspected stolen power tools. A police investigation into the incident is now under way.

A spokesman for Staffordshire Police said: "The men, aged 22 and 47, of no fixed address, were arrested on suspicion of theft from a vehicle and have been bailed, pending further inquiries, to a date in March."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Staffordshire Police on 101, quoting incident number 787 of January 6.

Details can also be sent to Crimestoppers on 0800 55511 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Businesses can create jobs after grants approval

INNOVATIVE rural businesses in Staffordshire looking to create more jobs have received grant help to launch or expand.

Managed and delivered by Staffordshire County Council, £2.25 million is available through the European Union's LEADER programme.

Grants can be for up to £40,000 and can fund up to 40 per cent of the eligible project costs. The successful applications were for:

- The construction of a work room at Mary Grice Soft Furnishings, near Lichfield, to allow for the expansion of the business;
- Conversion of a redundant farm building to provide a day care facility for adult dementia sufferers at Wonderdale Care, at Great Gate, near Alton;
- Creation of additional self-catering units at Moreton Hall Farm near Gnosall, following a demand for more overnight accommodation in the county;
- Purchase of forestry equipment to broaden the capabilities of Staffordshire Moorlands-based ArB Tree Care.

The announcement comes after the council confirmed that it had secured £500,000 funding from the EU to boost its tourism industry.

School taken apart after toxic gas scare

A RUBBLE-strewn corridor and holes in the floor – these images reveal the extent of work carried out at a school after toxic gas forced it to close more than a year ago.

Flash Ley Community Primary School in Rising Brook, Stafford, has now reopened, 16 months after 20 pupils fell ill when formaldehyde was detected. It cost Staffordshire County Council more than £1.1 million to make alternative arrangements for pupils, and to remove the formaldehyde and vent the buildings.

These images show some of the work that had to be done to ensure the building was safe for pupils and staff to return. It comes as county council bosses have vowed to recover the costs incurred to restore the Hawksmoor Road school to its former glory.

Ripped apart – the early years corridor

A hole in a floor at the school

Celebration time – heads Karan Williams and Kerri Fenton with pupils

Access

Councillor Ben Adams, cabinet member for learning and skills, said: "We would always seek to recover the costs of remedial action in a case of this nature. It's been a constant process from the start. We had to get new provision in local schools – we had to refit out the Chetwynd Centre and had to provide nursery facilities at Stafford Manor who have been tremendous.

"We weren't even able to access the site for five or six months because the Health and Safety Executive refused us access." The formaldehyde gas was released as a result of work that took place in the summer of 2015 to fill in ducts in the school's floors.

Pupils were moved to the Chetwynd Centre, Tillington Manor Primary and Stafford Manor High, which is where they started the new school year in September. The images show the progress of the early years corridor after the original material was taken out, and the flooring redone. Work has also been undertaken to replace the ceiling and floors in one section of the school.

During a special 'grand opening', Flash Ley co-headteachers Karan Williams and Kerri Fenton said in a statement: "After being displaced for 15 months we are really excited to be back in the heart of our community. The staff have been working tirelessly to make sure the school environment is exciting and welcoming for the children's transition back to Flash Ley."

Following the evacuation, Amazon in Rugeley donated £5,000 worth of equipment including tables and chairs to be used by children transferred from the nursery due to the gas. Staff from the depot in Power Station Road delivered and built the equipment ready to be used at the mobile classroom.

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He organised a 90th birthday party for Nelson Mandela and married then divorced both Chrissie Hynde and Patsy Kensit.

He leads the most famous Scottish band of all time – Simple Minds have shipped more than 40 million records, scored five number one hits and headlined Wembley Stadium – and also owns a hotel in Sicily. But these days, Jim Kerr doesn't even get recognised when he steps out of his Glasgow flat in the city's south side. It's funny how life changes as you get older. Don't You Forget About Jim.

Jim Kerr is one of the nicest and most erudite men in rock, though some of his ex-band mates might not think so. They'll be back on the road in spring – they headline Birmingham's Symphony Hall on May 17 – but before that there's the small matter of their beautifully conceived and perfectly formed acoustic album.

Simple Minds Acoustic features 15 reworked tunes from their Imperial Era. There's Chelsea Girl, a reimagined Don't You (Forget About Me) and Glittering Prize and there's a reworked version of Promised You A Miracle, featuring KT Tunstall, alongside a soft-strummed-but-still-ballsy Alive And Kicking. Who knew acoustic music could still sound, well, B.I.G?

Promo

Fans have been asking for an acoustic album since the dawn of time but, until now, he's manfully resisted. Simple question: what changed?

"To be honest, we've been getting asked for this kind of thing since back in the great MTV Unplugged days. It's always been in the air but one of the things that we were always trying to do was to look at new things. We're not great at looking back.

"It came about when we were doing the promo for the last album, Big Music, and Chris Evans, on Radio 2, got us in. He had been a real big fan. He told us to go in and do two or three songs acoustically.

"We bit the bullet and at 7am on the morning we busked about two or three songs."

The reaction was overwhelming. Chris's 11 million listeners were Mad For It, to coin a phrase made popular by Patsy Kensit's subsequent husband. And sure as night follows day, every radio station across Europe wanted a repeat.

Two or three songs on the radio is, of course, different to recording 15 for an album. The idea of an acoustic album was duly shelved and Simple Minds got on with Big Music, their superlative 2014 offering. But while it was easy to ignore the requests to play songs for radio, it was harder to ignore requests backed with hard cash.

"We were to-ing and fro-ing and then our manager came up to us in the January and, as always, money talks. He said a promoter in Switzerland wanted us to play up a mountain. And he wanted us to play acoustically. So we thought 'great'.

But getting one of Britain's great stadium bands to make music suited to a wine bar wasn't easy. How do you put the Hey, Hey, Hey, Hey-yeah, of Don't You (Forget About Me) on at an acoustic club? Not without reason were Simple Minds lauded for their stadium-friendly anthems.

Jim laughs. "We flitted through songs that we were sure would never work. We had always been swept away with production and a big sound. But when we just went down to the song, I didn't realise there was so much underneath."

Test

They booked a gig in London, deciding to test their acoustic set on unsuspecting fans at Hackney Empire.

"Talk about winging it. People from all over the world wanted to see that and we'd never done it before. Talk about being in it at the deep end. We were totally vulnerable.

"There's a kind of prejudice whenever you say the word 'acoustic'. People imagine two blokes on some stool surrounded by candles. But we didn't want to be little. We've got this thing of having energy and passion on stage. It's acoustic but it's a Simple Minds version, which is dynamic and atmospheric and all of that stuff."

And yet, it could all have been so different. There was a time not so many years ago when Simple Minds couldn't get arrested. They were yesterday's men. All washed up. Out of the game. They'd gone from having three consecutive number one platinum albums, followed by two that reached number two, to scratching about at numbers 141 and 80.

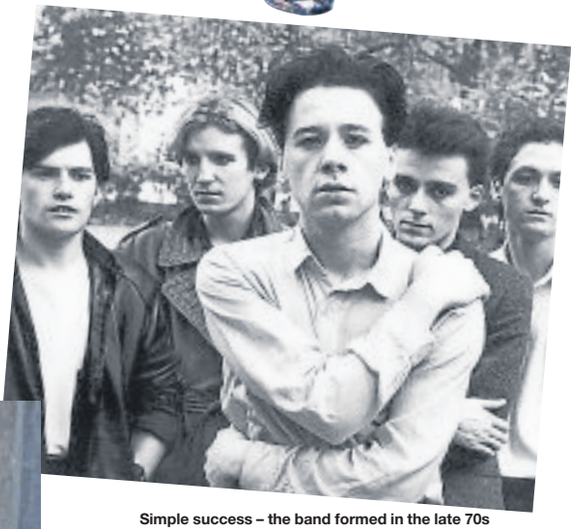
Radar

It would have been easier to call it a day. Jim could have spent his days at his hotel, the Villa Angela, in Sicily. Or, if performance was an itch he really did have to scratch, he could have taken one of the humungous cheques on offer for signing up to an 80s tour.

"We don't have a grudge to bear or anything. For a lot of people Simple Minds were off the radar for a long time and it's hard to get back on it when you've been off it."

So how did they do it? Jim's answer is simple: "Hard work. We've worked the last 10-12 years trying to do quality stuff. A lot of people have wondered why we'd bothered. But we love our story and the position we're in and we love our catalogue. We have different types of fans and for the hardcore, they want to see the band evolving."

Andy Richardson



Simple success – the band formed in the late 70s

Don't you forget – Charlie Burchill with Jim Kerr

Great minds – five number one albums

Lucky Sevenfold's dreams come true

Californian rockers Avenged Sevenfold promise a spectacular show involving space and artificial intelligence when they play

BACK when they were 17, they dreamed of headlining festivals and playing alongside Metallica.

Eighteen years later, Avenged Sevenfold are friends with Metallica and have headlined Download Festival.

The Californian rock giants play the Genting Arena in Birmingham on Friday, January 13, supported by heavy metal icons Disturbed. They first performed in the UK in 2004. "Ever since then, the UK has been a special place for us," said lead singer Matt 'M' Shadows.

Of that first tour – which saw the group play the O2 Academy in Birmingham – he says: "We had a little Sprinter van, in which we would spend nine or 10 hour drives just staring at each other. Then we'd hop out and play a show." Though Matt looks the hardened rocker, with his muscular tattooed body, he is also a devoted father. "I've got a two-year-old and a four-year-old. The four-year-old comes with us to shows but the two-year-old's a maniac – he's just nuts," laughed Matt.

Looking to the band's Birmingham show, Matt said the band had come up with something 'completely different'. "We've worked on something using space and artificial intelligence. We're super excited because the UK is going to be the first place to experience it. We'll be locked and loaded and ready for the show."

For the full interview by Kirsten Rawlins, visit www.expressandstar.com/entertainment/

Boss praises bluesy Ana

GUITAR-SLINGING blues songstress Ana Popovic brings her smoky blend of funk, jazz and blues to Bilston's Robin 2 venue on Tuesday.

She has been described as 'one helluva a guitar player' by Bruce Springsteen and ZZ Top's Billy Gibbons said 'Ana rocks the blues in fine, fine fashion'. The 40-year-old Serbian singer has been nominated for five Blues Music Awards and is a major star on the contemporary blues scene. Her albums, including Still Making History, Can You Stand The Heat and Unconditional, have featured in the US blues charts. She joined the likes of Buddy Guy, Eric Johnson and Zakk Wylde on the recent tribute tour celebrating the music of Jimi Hendrix.

Ana now lives in Memphis USA but was born in Belgrade. She grabbed her father's guitar at the age of 15 and began learning from his impressive blues and soul record collection.

She formed her first band, Hush, 20 years ago in Belgrade but the group disbanded after she left her homeland to study jazz in the Netherlands. Soon afterwards she was contributing to a Hendrix tribute album alongside Taj Mahal and former Animals frontman Eric Burdon. She released her first solo album, Hush!, on a German label. Her love of the blues led her to America.

Ana is endorsed by Fender and has shared stages with BB King, Buddy Guy, Joe Bonamassa and many others. Her latest album, Trilogy, was released last May. Tickets cost £15 in advance or £17 on the door and the venue opens at 7.30pm. Visit www.therobin.co.uk or call 01902 401211.

Ex-Deep Purple star ready to rock Robin

ROCKER Glenn Hughes is to return to the West Midlands later this month.

Cannock-born singer Hughes, of legendary band Deep Purple and the voice of The KLF's hit What Time Is Love?, is to take to the stage at the Robin 2 venue in Bilston on Monday, January 23.

The US-based rock star, who also fronted popular early 1970s Wolverhampton band Trapeze, in recent years was singer and bassist with rock supergroup Black Country Communion.

Hughes will be supported by Walsall band Stone Broken who were voted runners-up in the Best New Band category of the annual Planet Rock Awards 2016. The first band are on stage at 8pm.

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Lots of dance delight with the Strictly stars

STRICTLY Come Dancing The Live Tour kicks off in Birmingham on Friday, January 20, with five performances over three days.

These feature stars of the 2016 show, including Ed 'Gangnam Style' Balls and glitterball winner Ore Oduba with his new dancer partner Karen Clifton.

There is lots more dance delight in the offing for ballroom and latin fans this month. Brendan Cole brings his new show All Night Long to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on January 26.

Then Anton du Beke and Erin Boag are joined by Strictly singer Lance Ellington for Swing Time at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on January 28.

Ballet fans can look forward to the annual visit by the Russian State Ballet of Siberia to the Grand, February 5 to 7, with The Nutracker, Swan Lake and Coppelia.

Busy gig scene sees 2017 get off to a flyer

GOSSIP Girl actress Taylor Momsen brings her band The Pretty Reckless to Birmingham's O2 Institute next Friday, January 20, and Irish indie rockers Two Door Cinema Club have sold out their concert at the O2 Academy in the second city on January 24.

White Buffalo, AKA Jake Smith, plays the Institute 2 on January 21, the same night King Creosote (Kenny Anderson) is at Birmingham Town Hall. Watch out for rising star Declan McKenna at the Hare & Hounds, Kings Heath, on January 25.

Major concerts for blues fans include Ana Popovic (see above) at the Robin 2 on Tuesday and the Bilston venue then hosts the Aynsley Lister Band on Thursday and Lil' Jimmy Reed on January 24.

Finally, veteran Aussie guitar great Tommy Emmanuel performs his It's Never Too Late album at Birmingham Town Hall on January 20.

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Taboo
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James Delaney's shocking return to London society has set tongues wagging, but the swarthy adventurer's mission is far from complete. The city's residents view him with hostility and suspicion, but undeterred by their derision, James begins to enlist allies in his quest to reclaim his legacy and establish a new life for himself. However, an unexpected arrival at the reading of his father's will threatens to disrupt James's plans, and the true, poisonous nature of his new-found inheritance makes itself known. Historical drama, starring Tom Hardy, Leo Bill, Jessie Buckley, Oona Chaplin, Richard Dixon, Mark Gatiss, Jefferson Hall and David Hayman.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen. **11.30** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Wanted Down Under. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News. **5.30** Regional Programme. **5.40** Celebrity Mastermind.

6.10 Pointless Celebrities. Jilly Goolden, Olly Smith, Sophie Grigson Michael Caines, Fay Maschler, Brian Turner, Cyrus Todiwala and Tony Singh compete in a "food and drink" edition of the unorthodox quiz.

7.00 Let It Shine. Graham Norton and Mel Giedroyc's mission to assemble a new boyband for a nation-touring musical continues. This time, the hopeful stars continue with their solo auditions in front of a studio audience in Manchester. Judges Gary Barlow, Dannii Minogue, Martin Kemp and Amber Riley must decide whether any of the would-be pop princes are worthy of a place in Let It Shine's five-strong headline act, while Graham and Mel keep viewers up to date with all the backstage action, fun and gossip.

8.25 Casualty. A scuffle at an illegal rave leads an over-enthusiastic sergeant causing serious head injuries to a 19-year-old man and later planting drugs in his belongings to corroborate his claim that he had been assaulted twice by his quarry. Jacob is dubious about the sergeant's story and takes a police constable to one side in an attempt to persuade her not be an accomplice to her superior's crooked ways. Elsewhere, Elle's career is on the line as Connie goes on the warpath.

9.15 Taboo. James Delaney sets about enlisting allies to help him reclaim his legacy, but an unexpected arrival at the reading of his father's will threatens to disrupt his plans.

10.15 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents action from the latest Premier League matches, including Leicester City v Chelsea at the King Power Stadium and Swansea City v Arsenal at the Liberty Stadium.

12.00 Film: The Ring. (2002) **1.45** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.45 Film: Higher and Higher. (1943) Musical comedy, with Jack Haley and Frank Sinatra. **8.15 Film:** The Magic Box. (1951) Biopic of cinema pioneer William Friese-Greene, starring Robert Donat. **10.00** Secret Britain. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. (R) **1.00 Film:** Ice Station Zebra. (1968) An American submarine crew races to reach a Soviet satellite that has crash-landed near a British research station in the Arctic. Adventure, with Rock Hudson and Patrick McGoohan. **3.20** Flog It! (R) **4.00** Mastermind. (R) **4.30** University Challenge. (R) **5.00** Only Connect. (R) **5.30** The World's Most Extraordinary Homes. (R)

6.30 Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise. Exploring the forests, plains and bustling cities of Central Thailand, an area known as the nation's rice bowl. The programme explores how people live alongside animals in these areas, and the spiritual fulfillment to be found in these relationships. Narrated by Sophie Okonedo. (R)

7.30 Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney. Neil Oliver, Chris Packham, Andy Torbet and Shini Somara investigate recent archaeological finds on the archipelago that challenge the received wisdom on Stone Age Britain, joining hundreds of archaeologists from around the world who have gathered in the Orkneys at one of Europe's biggest digs. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring puts the defence of the realm before personal pride, resulting in him nearly losing command of the platoon. Classic comedy with the Home Guard, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R)

9.00 Imagine: Marlon Brando. Alan Yentob presents another documentary from the worlds of art and culture.

10.40 Film: On the Waterfront. (1954) A former boxer reduced to working for a gangster has his conscience pricked when he sees his boss's thugs kill a man. Drama, starring Marlon Brando, Lee J Cobb and Eva Marie Saint.

12.25 Film: Lay the Favorite. (2012) A Las Vegas cocktail waitress proves a success as a professional gambler, but arouses the jealousy of her mentor's wife. Comedy, starring Rebecca Hall. **1.50** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Oddbods. (R) **7.20** Oddbods. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School. **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Rebound. (R) **10.25** Guess This House. (R) **11.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** River Monsters. (R) **1.10** Bargain Shop Wars. (R) **1.40 Film:** The Mummy Returns. (2001) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser. **4.05** Dance Dance Dance. (R) **5.35** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 The Brits Are Coming.

7.00 Ninja Warrior UK. Competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara.

8.00 The Voice UK. The spinning-chair singing contest continues, as another selection of would-be stars put their musical skills to the test via the ears of new coach line-up Jennifer Hudson, Gavin Rossdale, Will.i.am and Tom Jones, who are tasked with selecting more acts to champion in the blind auditions. Sitting with their backs to the prospective pop-icons, the coaches select the ones they like based on their vocal abilities alone, but as always, it remains to be seen whether this batch of contestants will have what it takes to reach the end of the contest and claim the lucrative record contract with Polydor. Emma Willis is on hand to oversee proceedings.

9.30 Through the Keyhole. Keith Lemon challenges Eamonn Holmes, Emma Bunton and Jonathan Ross to guess the identities of the celebrities whose homes he peruses.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Film: Terminator 2: Judgment Day. (1991) Sci-fi adventure sequel.

1.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **12.55** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **2.00** Darts: BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships. The eighth day of the BDO World Championships.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages. Penelope Keith starts her journey in the Cotswolds, and explores the celebrated village of Bibury, as well as Kelmscott, the home of William Morris; Slade, the village setting of a book by Laurie Lee; Down Ampney, and Hook Norton. Plus, she visits a village fete in Ebrington. (R)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales embark on more waterway adventures, beginning 14 miles west of Venice on the Brenta, a river that was first canalised in the 13th century. Lined with palaces which were once holiday homes for Venetian nobility, they follow the route that Casanova and Lord Byron took to the city. After crossing the Venetian lagoon, Tim and Pru arrive at St Mark's Square, where they escape the busy Grand Canal and discover the tranquillity and beauty of the smaller canals that tourists rarely see. (R)

9.00 Film: Oblivion. (2013) A repairman is assigned to salvage the remaining resources from Earth, which has been left a devastated wasteland after a war with an alien race. He discovers a human survivor on the surface of the planet, an encounter that exposes secrets from the past that threaten the future of the human race. Sci-fi adventure, starring Tom Cruise and Morgan Freeman.

11.30 Film: Immortals. (2011) A man is chosen by the Greek gods to prevent a power-mad king from conquering the human and immortal worlds. Mythological adventure, with Henry Cavill.

1.35 Hollyoaks. **3.35** Win It Cook It. (R) **4.05** Hoarder SOS. (R) **5.00** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.10** The Fairly OddParents. (R) **9.45** Big Bash Cricket Live. **1.30** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **2.30** Budgies Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **3.30** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R) **4.25** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 3. (R) **5.25** Kittens Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R)

6.25 NCIS: Los Angeles. Sam goes undercover as a bomb specialist when he investigates the death of a demolition expert, but faces a race against time to find explosives located across LA.

7.10 NCIS: Los Angeles. The team investigates when a reporter is murdered as she prepares to break a story about a mysterious Libyan freedom fighter named El-Libi.

8.00 NCIS. Gibbs throws himself back into his work following his near-death experience, updating his appearance and tackling a new risky case alongside DEA agent Luis Mitchell, who wants help bringing down a drugs cartel. Concerned about his colleague's apparent enthusiasm to re-enter the field, DiNozzo discovers Mitchell is the son of a former NCIS agent who gave his life trying to save Gibbs' late wife and daughter, and this attachment is causing Gibbs to break his own rule against personal involvement in a case. However, danger is posed by Benson Long, the cartel's head, and Mitchell's top target.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce action from the latest fixtures, which included Bristol City v Cardiff City at Ashton Gate, Fulham v Barnsley at Craven Cottage, and Rotherham United v Norwich City at AESSEAL New York Stadium.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the latest matches in Leagues One and Two, including Walsall v Sheffield United, and Plymouth Argyle v Stevenage.

10.30 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother.

11.30 Lip Sync Battle UK: Alexander Armstrong vs Jimmy Carr. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.05** Celebrity Big Brother. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Timeshift: The Golden Age of Coach Travel **8.00** Inside Chernobyl's Mega Tomb **9.00** Lost Kingdoms of Central America **10.00** The Young Montalbano **11.45** Top of the Pops: 1983 **12.20** Elvis Costello: Mystery Dance **1.20** Later Presents – Elvis Costello in Concert **2.20** Great Guitar Riffs at the BBC **3.20** Close

ITV2
11.20 The Big Quiz – Coronation Street v Emmerdale **12.25** Ninja Warrior UK **1.30** 50 Greatest Harry Potter Moments **3.05 Film:** Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10 Film:** Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011) **4.55 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00 Film:** Hotel Transylvania (2012) **6.45 Film:** The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50 Film:** The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) **9.30 Film:** Wanted (2008) **10.30** FYI Daily **10.35 Film:** Wanted (2008) **11.40** Family Guy **1.05** American Dad! **2.00** Dads **2.20** Safeword **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3
11.25 Film: Hidden Treasure (2001) **1.30** A Touch of Frost **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.00** Blue Murder **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.00 Pawn Stars **11.30 Film:** Apache (1954) **12.35** FYI Daily **12.40 Film:** Apache (1954) **1.20** Nijinsky's Triple Crown **1.30** ITV Racing Live from Warwick and Kempton Park. Coverage of races from Warwick and Kempton Park. **4.00 Film:** Red River (1948) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10 Film:** Red River (1948) **6.40** Pawn Stars **7.05** Mr Bean **8.10** River Monsters **9.15 Film:** The Client (1994) **10.20** FYI Daily **10.25 Film:** The Client (1994) **11.40 Film:** Don't Say a Word (2001) **12.50** FYI Daily **12.55 Film:** Don't Say a Word (2001) **2.00** Hell on Wheels **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4
11.00 Baby Daddy **12.00** Black-ish **1.00** Young & Hungry **2.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Friends with Benefits (2011) **11.15** Gogglebox **1.25** The Inbetweeners **2.25** Chewing Gum **2.50** Tattoo Fixers **3.45** Bad Robots **4.10** Suburgatory **4.50** Revenge

Film4
11.00 The Black Arrow (1948) **1.00** The Jane Austen Book Club (2007) **3.05** First Daughter (2004) **5.15** The Spy Next Door (2010) **7.00** Legend (1985) **9.00** The Family (2013) **11.15** Blue Ruin (2014) **1.00** Bully (2001) **3.20** Close

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Stephen McGann

Call the Midwife: The Casebook (BBC1, 5.05pm)

Stephen McGann presents a look at the true stories behind the drama series, meeting midwives, nuns and doctors who worked delivering babies during the 1950s and 1960s to hear their accounts of the social and medical changes of the period. He talks to a former colleague of Jennifer Worth, writer of the original Call the Midwife books, and a photographer who documented the social conditions of the time. Stephen also returns to the home where he was born to share his mother's own story of childbirth.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.00** Wanted Down Under Revisited. (R) **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.30** Spy in the Wild. (R) **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** Call the Midwife: The Casebook.

6.05 BBC News.

6.20 Regional Programme.

6.30 Countryfile. The programme comes from Carmarthenshire, where Matt Baker explores the history of the region's sand dunes and Helen Skelton visits the National Botanic Garden of Wales, where she discovers how bees are being prepared for winter and reports on a plan to map the DNA of all the UK's flowers. Plus, Falklands veteran Simon Weston presents a guide to South Wales, Tom Heap looks at how otters pose a threat to fisheries, and Adam Henson presents the second of two reports on farming in New Zealand. Including weather for the week ahead.

7.30 Antiques Roadshow Holocaust Memorial. Fiona Bruce and the team examine items connected to the Holocaust and listen to the personal stories of survivors. Plus, a look at the work of the UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation.

8.30 Still Open All Hours. David Jason stars as Granville in this follow-up to Open All Hours, now running the shop with his son Leroy after inheriting the business from Arkwright.

9.00 Sherlock. Sherlock and John face their greatest challenge as the duo's long-buried secrets come to light and a threat from the past seems to have returned from the dead. They discover an elusive enemy has been playing a very long game – which is now reaching its devastating conclusion. Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman star in the conclusion of the fourth series of the detective drama. Last in the series.

10.30 BBC News.

10.50 Regional Programme.

11.00 The Graham Norton Show. (R)

11.45 The Celebrity Apprentice USA.

1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.00** Big Dreams Small Spaces. (R) **8.00** An Island Parish. (R) **8.30** The Edible Garden. (R) **9.00** Countryfile. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Talking Snooker. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Live Snooker: The Masters. Ronnie O'Sullivan v Liang Wenbo. **5.15** Yellowstone: The Toughest Spring. (R)

6.15 Ski Sunday. Highlights of the men's World Cup downhill on the Lauberhorn in Wengen, Switzerland. Plus, a feature on Swiss freerider Jeremie Heitz.

7.00 City in the Sky. Dallas Campbell and Dr Hannah Fry present a documentary exploring aviation, beginning with a look at the challenges of getting aircraft into the air. The programme features a visit to the world's busiest airport to discover the work that goes into getting its millions of visitors off the ground. Plus, the construction of the world's largest passenger plane and the dangers of taking off from the coldest city on Earth. (R)

8.00 Dragons' Den. Evan Davis ushers another batch of would-be entrepreneurs before the panel's judgment. An inventor who claims to have created a new kind of surfboard and a parachute for Nasa reveals his idea for transforming the garden shed, Touker Suleyman agrees to road test a waxing product, and one applicant makes a shocking revelation as he tells the story of sleeping on his office floor.

9.00 Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise. The mountains and forests of Northern Thailand, where unusual partnerships develop between animals and people. Last in the series.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Manchester United v Liverpool at Old Trafford and Everton v Manchester City at Goodison Park.

10.50 QI XL. Guests Matt Lucas, Jerry Springer and Cariad Lloyd join regular panellist Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig to contemplate the theme "noodles" in this extended episode.

11.35 Snooker: The Masters. Ding Junhui v Kyren Wilson. Hazel Irvine presents action.

12.25 Snooker: The Masters – Extra. **2.25** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **3.25** Holby City. (R) **4.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Oddbods. (R) **7.20** Oddbods. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Countrywise. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy. (R) **11.30** Chopping Block. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Judge Rinder. (R) **1.35** Tipping Point. (R) **2.35** Ninja Warrior UK. (R) **3.35** The Voice UK. (R) **5.05** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.15** ITV News; Weather. **5.30** The Chase: Celebrity Special. (R)

6.30 Dance Dance Dance. Alesha Dixon and Will Best host the second stage of the celebrity dance contest, in which the contestants must impress judges Ashley Banjo, Tina Landon and Timor Steffens by recreating famous music videos by Christina Aguilera and Britney Spears – as well as a classic scene from the Blues Brothers.

8.00 Endeavour. The leader of a censorship campaign comes to Oxford on a speaking tour, and Morse is charged with protecting her in light of a series of death threats. A bricklayer working on a controversial pop singer's house is later found dead, and when a second killing occurs, a connection emerges to the speaker's movement, plunging Morse into the middle of a conflict over the nature of British culture.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (R)

11.15 The Brits Are Coming. A special live show announcing which artists are in the running to receive gongs at this year's Brit Award ceremony. Includes performances by Olly Murs, Craig David and more. (R)

12.15 Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Chopping Block. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 The King of Queens. (R) **6.45** The King of Queens. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55 Film:** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold. (2009) Comedy sequel, starring Rupert Everett. **3.55** Channel 4 News. **4.15** Darts: BDO Lakeside World Professional Championships. The men's final of the BDO World Championships.

8.00 Walking the Americas. The second leg of Levison Wood's four-month trek across Central America involves walking for 400 miles and travelling through three different countries. He visits a unique Caribbean town that is populated by the descendants of shipwrecked African slaves, treks through a mountain region, and makes his way through gang territories in one of the world's most violent cities.

9.00 Film: Bad Neighbours. (2014) Premiere. A couple living in suburbia and adjusting to new parenthood are determined to prove they can still be cool when a household of students moves in next door. However, when their raucous neighbours' wild parties disrupt their lives, they decide to fight back, leading to a vicious cycle of one-upmanship. Comedy, starring Seth Rogen, Zac Efron and Rose Byrne.

10.50 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts, as Sean Lock and Stephen Mangan team up against Noel Fielding and Fay Ripley. The Brett Domino Trio assist Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner. (R)

11.55 Film: Hanna. (2011) A teenage girl trained by her father to be an assassin travels the world on a secret mission, pursued by the CIA. Action thriller, with Saoirse Ronan and Cate Blanchett.

1.55 How to Lose Weight Well. Dr Xand van Tulleken and dietician Hala El-Shafie help a duo slim down for a birthday bash in seven days, and water-only fasts are investigated. (R) **2.50** The Autistic Gardener. The team tries to make a small garden look bigger. (R) **3.45** Jamie's Comfort Food. Jamie Oliver prepares curried fish pie. **3.55** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.50** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.25** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.00** Seaside Antics. (R) **7.05** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.15** Pip Ahoy! (R) **7.30** Little Princess. (R) **7.40** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.55** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **8.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.55** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.20** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.30** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.55** The Fairly OddParents. (R) **10.30** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.25** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. (R) **12.25 Film:** Message in a Bottle. (1999) Romantic drama, with Kevin Costner and Robin Wright. **2.50 Film:** Six Days Seven Nights. (1998) Romantic adventure, starring Harrison Ford and Anne Heche. **4.45 Film:** You've Got Mail. (1998) Romantic comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

7.00 Now That's Funny! A collection of internet-sourced videos with a family friendly hook, featuring laugh-out-loud unexpected personal moments now being shared with the world. (R)

8.00 Brides Make You Laugh Out Loud. Iain Lee narrates a collection of internet videos featuring bizarre and humorous weddings.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. A chance to catch up with the latest events inside the house as the celebrities cope with living under constant surveillance, with all the arguments and alliances, as well as the revelations in the diary room.

10.05 Celebrity Botched Up Bodies. Alex Reid undergoes surgery on his nose to help his breathing, while Geordie Shore's Marnie Simpson discusses how her breast enhancement went badly wrong.

11.05 The Roast of Donald Trump. An event from 2011 in which the business mogul faces a barrage of insults from Seth MacFarlane, Gilbert Gottfried, Whitney Cummings, Snoop Dogg, Larry King and Marlee Matlin. (R)

12.35 Impractical Jokers UK. **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.10 Film:** Under the Tuscan Sun. (2003) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 David Starkey's Music & Monarchy **8.00** Sword, Musket & Machine Gun: Britain's Armed History **9.00** Rich Hall's Presidential Grudge Match **10.30** Bowie at the BBC **11.30** John Berger: The Art of Looking **12.25** Sound of Musicals with Neil Brand **1.25** Lost Kingdoms of Central America **2.25** Roger Bannister: Everest on the Track **3.25** Close

ITV2

1.40 2Awesome: Side Effects **2.20** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **2.40** 2Awesome: LA Story **3.00 Film:** Space Jam (1996) **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05 Film:** Space Jam (1996) **4.45 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **5.45** FYI Daily **5.50 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **6.45 Film:** The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50 Film:** The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

2.05 A Touch of Frost **4.20 Film:** Columbo: How to Dial a Murder (1978) **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** This Time Next Year **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.30 Film:** The English Patient (1996) **11.35** FYI Daily **11.40 Film:** The English Patient (1996) **1.40** A Touch of Frost **3.35** May the Best House Win **5.20** You're Only Young Twice **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

4.35 Film: The Dam Busters (1954) **5.35** FYI Daily **5.40 Film:** The Dam Busters (1954) **7.10** When Ali Came to Britain **8.15 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **9.15** FYI Daily **9.20 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **10.00 Film:** Maximum Conviction (2012) **11.00** FYI Daily **11.05 Film:** Maximum Conviction (2012) **12.05** River Monsters **1.10** Hell on Wheels **2.05** I Want That Car **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

2.20 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.30** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Johnny English Reborn (2011) **10.05** Tattoo Fixers **11.10** Virtually Famous **12.00** The Inbetweeners **1.05** Gogglebox **2.10** Rude Tube: Ultimate Stunts **3.05** Rude Tube

Film4

11.00 The Frogmen (1951) **1.00** One Fine Day (1996) **3.10** Sword of Sherwood Forest (1960) **4.50** Flight of the Navigator (1986) **6.35** Beautiful Creatures (2013) **9.00** Prometheus (2012)

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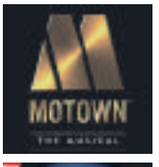

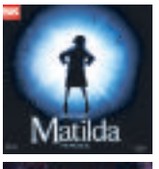

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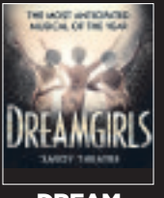

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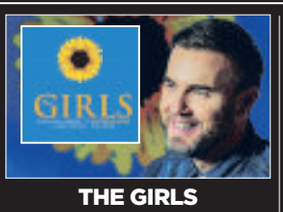

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PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Mother Betrayed, Channel 5, 3.20pm
Five years after her husband is run off the road and killed by a mysterious driver, the head of a prosperous architectural firm decides to remarry. However, she's unaware that her new spouse has a devious plan to steal her daughter, her sanity and even her life. Psychological thriller, starring Lynn Collins. (2015)

TUESDAY
Who Killed My Husband?, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A widowed police officer embarks on a dangerous mission to generate enough income to pay for her daughter's hospital bills, causing her to question how far she is willing to go to save her child. Thriller, starring Andrea Bowen and Jim Thorburn. (1900)

WEDNESDAY
What Doesn't Kill You, BBC1, 11.45pm
Two childhood friends become criminals in the employ of a Boston mobster, leading one to develop a drug habit that nearly costs him his wife and children. After a spell in prison, he resolves to make a fresh start as a devoted family man, but his friend tempts him with the promise of an armoured car robbery. Crime drama, starring Mark Ruffalo. (2008)

Reasonable Doubt, Friday, BBC1, 11.55pm

THURSDAY
Twisted Sisters, Channel 5, 3.15pm
College freshman Sarah joins her mother's former sorority, but comes to learn it is run like a ruthless business rather than a sisterhood, promoting cut-throat seduction and destruction behind the scenes. As a consequence, she soon finds herself caught up in a devious power game that forces her to question where her true loyalties lie. Drama, starring Sierra McCormick and Cassidy Gifford. (2016)

FRIDAY
Reasonable Doubt, BBC1, 11.55pm
District attorney Mitch Brockden is involved in a fatal hit-and-run incident, and a convicted felon is charged with his crime. Mitch's guilt drives him to throw out the case when it comes to trial – but when the accused later goes on a killing spree, he feels compelled to bring him to justice personally. Crime thriller, starring Dominic Cooper and Samuel L Jackson. (2014)

Lucy's decision proves far from child's play

Lee Mack once said that if Lee and Lucy got together it would be the end of this show.

So after the pair's surprise Christmas marriage in 2015, fans thought they'd probably seen the last of hit comedy series. Mack's career has gone from strength to strength and he is now established as one of the UK's most recognisable comics.

Last year saw him return as resident team captain on Would I Lie To You?, host Duck Quacks Don't Echo, while in 2017 he will make his London West End debut alongside Griff Rhys Jones in the The Miser.

But despite these other commitments, thankfully, Mack changed his mind about the show in which he made his name, and Not Going Out remains the longest-running UK television sitcom still on-air.

Plus, a ninth and 10th series have also been green-lit by the Beeb, so Lee and Lucy (Sally Bretton) are not going anywhere just yet.

One thing that perhaps changed Mack's mind was a shift in direction for the sitcom, which now features more of a family element instead of the offbeat romantic comedy theme which dominated its first decade.

In the 10 years since Not Going Out began, Mack has himself become a father of three.

"It is quite weird writing about family life," he admitted in a TV interview last year. "We've slowed it down a bit, less jokes and more children's nappies."

Shane Allen, Controller of Comedy Commissioning at the BBC, is thrilled that Lee and Lucy are back: "Not Going Out is on its way to modern classic status as it clocks up another richly gag-packed and comic incident-heavy series," he says.

"The jump forward introduction of their kids provides Lee and Lucy with a new family domestic setting and springboard to broaden out their world from a 'will they, won't they?' dynamic to the 'why the hell have we?' that comes with parenting."

At the end of the last run, Lee and Lucy were a newlywed couple having their first child.

Fast forward seven years, and there are some major new additions to their chaotic world – baby Charlie now has five year-old twin siblings, Benji and Molly.

So how has Lee survived these dramatic life changes? And how are the parents finding the joy/relentless onslaught of bringing up kids?

If this wasn't enough for them to contend with, combine that with tricky family members in the form of Lee's lovably feckless father Frank (Bobby Ball), and close friends including the world-weary, or more specifically wife-weary, Toby (Hugh Dennis) and uptight ice-queen Anna (Abigail Cruttenden).

Thankfully, Lucy's parents Geoffrey (Geoffrey Whitehead) and Wendy (Deborah Grant) are on hand.

But what exactly do they make of Lee and Lucy's often mad house?

Last week we saw Lee trying to get the 'romance' with his wife back on track.

And in this second instalment, Lucy causes grave offence by choosing the wrong babysitter for their trio of offspring when the couple plan a night on the tiles.

Bobby Ball and Lee Mack star in Not Going Out, Friday, BBC1, 9.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
The Undateables
Channel 4, 9pm
Many of us have difficult navigating the unwritten rules of dating, but it's been particularly hard for 22-year-old Jamie, whose Asperger syndrome means he struggles to understand anything that isn't logical. However, he does have a passion for military history and strategy so as he takes his first steps into the world of relationships, he is armed with a plan. Luke, 26, from Hampshire, who is autistic, also believes in being prepared when it comes to love – although he sometimes finds it hard to make conversation, he's taught himself phrases in 15 different languages. But will his linguistic skills impress his date Alice, or will something be lost in translation? Meanwhile, Lizzie, 29 has a learning disability that means she struggles with some everyday tasks, but she still loves to shop – and she's now in the market for a boyfriend.

TUESDAY
How to Lose Weight Well
Channel 4, 8pm
Dr Xand van Tulleken, Hala El-Shafie help more dieters tackle weight-loss regimes. They begin by meeting Stefanie and Jade from Harrow who have just 10 days to slim down before the launch of their clothing label. Jade tests a low-fat diet, while sugar addict Stefanie must survive on foods that don't contain the sweet stuff. Later, the duo challenge fast-food fan Matt from Redditch to test a 'warrior' diet, which involves eating like a Roman soldier. And finally Rob from the Wirral tries a 'Sleeping Beauty' regime, in the hope that sleeping more will help his body optimise the hormones that control his metabolism and appetite. But will there be a happy ever after as far as his diet is concerned?

WEDNESDAY
No Offence
Channel 4, 9pm
The second series of Paul Abbott's Manchester-set police comedy-drama continues. As no-nonsense DI Viv Deering (Joanna Scanlan) and impulsive DC Dinah Kowalska (Elaine Cassidy) search for the people who are helping local gang the Attahs, including its fearsome leader Norah (Rakie Ayola), in child exploitation, they uncover tensions within the family that could lead to a breakthrough in the case. However, when the team is called to an armed robbery at a pub in a converted bank, it soon escalates into a life-threatening hostage situation. Elsewhere, PC Jonah Mitchell (Ste Johnson) pursues a man posing as a paramedic with a knack of slipping through legal loopholes.

Unforgotten, Thursday, ITV, 9pm

THURSDAY
Spy in the Wild
BBC1, 8pm
Undercover cameras help to explore the world of animal intelligence, ingenuity and creativity in their hunting, protection and health. Spy Orang-utan meets her real-life counterparts in Borneo to capture how, living close to local people, they have gained unexpected skills in sawing wood and washing with soap, while Spy Termite catches one of the world's cleverest animal tricksters, the drongo, as he tries to outwit a group of meerkats in the battle for food.

Unforgotten
ITV, 9pm
Further investigations into David Walker's life suggest he was a troubled man with a number of issues. Marion has a prickly chat with Cassie about her past and the inquiry reveals her close relationship with an IRA activist. As the police investigation encroaches on their life, Sara and Colin open up to their partners with secrets about their past. Whodunit, starring Nicola Walker.

FRIDAY
President Trump: The Inauguration
BBC1, 4pm
There's already been a lot of speculation about Donald Trump's inauguration, most of it concerning which big names had allegedly turned down the opportunity to perform. But no doubt there will still be plenty of pomp and circumstance as Trump is sworn in as the 45th President of the United States. As befits such a historical occasion, the ceremony is being covered by both the BBC and ITV, live from Washington, DC. As well as bringing us the Oath of Office, there will also be analysis from the channels' assorted experts, who will no doubt be paying particularly close attention to Trump's inaugural address for further clues about his vision for America and the direction of his presidency.

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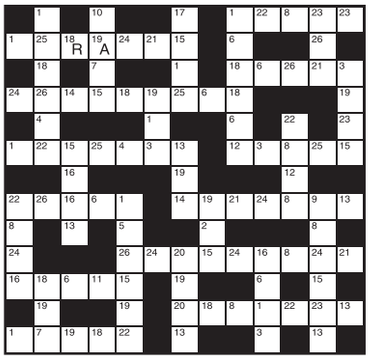

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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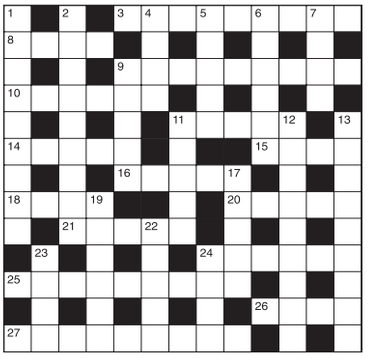
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

3. Foreign food - make the GP eat this! (9)
8. Proper ones appear in the real estate market (4)
9. Governs, i.e., as a ruler (9)
10. This will smooth out the wave (6)
11. It's mounted when differently set by the editor (5)
14. The yarn in the novel is legendary (5)
15. Give heed to a brief message (4)
16. Refer to another court to pardon (5)
18. The boy to assume an attitude of prayer, we hear (4)
20. Splits associated with tenanted houses (5)
21. One in a strange sect makes a quotation (5)
24. Maid to spoil a Scotsman! (6)
25. One in unspoilt surroundings, like a bachelor (9)
26. Avoid a colloquial word of command (4)
27. The stage property is a toy (9)

Down

1. To disturb the fish is alarming (9)
2. True to life, but it is clear there's change (9)
4. Inferior alternative to the Post Office (4)
5. One who is entertained arrived at the right conclusion, one hears (5)
6. One by one (6)
7. Closely follows trite quotations (4)
9. One who tacks together a waste disposal unit (5)
11. Distress call about mother returning to Greek island (5)
12. Thorough antonym of up left! (9)
13. Finding a logical cause, as one is upset in the arena (9)
17. Walk on the imprint of a tyre (5)
19. Illuminated one undefined prayer of supplication (6)
22. There's no start to famine - this produces food (5)
23. In the Mediterranean I loved the colour (4)
24. The average man who's tight-fisted is (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

3. Pen-name (9)
8. Detail (4)
9. In utter poverty (9)
10. Diminish (6)
11. Maxim (5)
14. Foster (5)
15. Authentic (4)
16. Dance (5)
18. Retailed (4)
20. Well (5)
21. Give up (5)
24. Drive (6)
25. Harmonize (9)
26. Daybreak (4)
27. Dispute (9)

Down

1. Fiddler (9)
2. Unhurried (9)
4. Observed (4)
5. Unfasten (5)
6. Start (6)
7. Abominable snowman (4)
9. Postpone (5)
11. Shy (5)
12. Celebrating victory (9)
13. Deadly (9)
17. Burning (5)
19. Repudiate (6)
22. Regional (5)
23. Equipment (4)
24. Plot (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Away; 3 Trophies; 8 Vert; 9 Imparted; 11 Consequences; 13 Treaty; 14 Salami; 17 Reinvestment; 20 Latitude; 21 Dock; 22 Believer; 23 Sets. Down: 1 Advocate; 2 Arrange; 4 Rumpus; 5 Plain facts; 6 In the; 7 Side; 10 Getting the; 12 Mistakes; 15 Anemone; 16 Needle; 18 Extol; 19 Club.
QUICK - Across: 1 Pull; 3 Badinage; 8 Rich; 9 Protrude; 11 Affectionate; 13 Career; 14 Divide; 17 Impertinence; 20 Take away; 21 Abed; 22 Horseman; 23 Bear. Down: 1 Parlance; 2 Lucifer; 4 Afraid; 5 Intentions; 6 Adult; 7 Eden; 10 Accelerate; 12 Defender; 15 Ignoble; 16 Strata; 18 Maker; 19 Itch.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. What does the M stand for in JMW Turner?
2. What do we call a quasi-autonomous non-governmental organisation?
3. Which actor's first names are John Uhler III?
4. Which plant has bird's-foot and hop varieties?
5. By which king was the inch defined in statute?
6. In which year was Greenpeace founded?
7. To which region was Cain exiled after he had killed Abel?
8. In which country are the Plains of Abraham?
9. Which city lies on the north side of the Firth of Tay?
10. To which flower family does vanilla belong?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Pig; 2 David Blunkett; 3 Imperial War Museum; 4 W C Fields; 5 North Atlantic; 6 Dandelion; 7 God Save the Queen; 8 Kevin Keegan; 9 Phil Spector; 10 Ink blots.

Niner: COUNTRIES

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

18223654 gives a jewel,
24859 gives a second jewel,
169678 gives a crystalline compound.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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An angel overlooks Lake Malaren, Sormland

Thepicturesque town of Mariefred

Dawn over Lake Malaren in Mariefred, Sormland

Maria Printz, owner of the Printz bakery in Stallarholmen

How Sweden harnesses delight of simple but joyous traditions

WINNING a Nobel Prize could arguably be the best Christmas present of all. But not for lyricist Bob Dylan, one of this year's best-known laureates.

Sarah Marshall reports

"He won't even be coming to the ceremony," my taxi driver complains as we whirl through snow-dusted cobbled streets below Stockholm's City Hall. He has other plans, apparently."

Three days after the grand December 10 banquet, honoured guests are woken from their rooms at the prestigious Grand Hotel by singing angels carrying candles, part of the St Lucia tradition. It's fair to say Mr Tambourine Man won't be in their repertoire. . . No matter; the show will go on.

Swedes honour traditions with clockwork precision, something I discover on a weekend winter break to their capital city and its surrounding areas. Fleeing the commercialised circus of high-street chaos, I surface in a world of clean, crisp sophistication, where flashing rainbow lights and tacky tinsel are superseded by simple lingonberry wreaths and the flickering gold flames of advent candles.

It's Christmas time, and the markets have sprung up in the city. One of the most atmospheric is held at Hovstallet, the Royal Stable. Stooping in a loose-fitting tartan blazer, equerry Lars shows me the king's private property, which is open for public tours throughout the year.

"This is Stockholm's best kept secret," he whispers, as we weave through ornate royal carriages and past pedigree horses nuzzling into their mangers, entering a room filled with 38 gleaming harnesses.

"Every year, two are flown by hand luggage to your Buckingham Palace, where skilled craftsmen make repairs," Lars tells me. "We give the horses these jingle bells to wear in winter so they can be heard by traffic when the sound of their hooves is deadened by snow."

Inventive

As the morning wears on, shoppers pour into the sky-lit Riding Hall and a labyrinth of stables, where stalls sell national favourites such as smoked fish, marzipan pigs and a parade of inventive condiments.

Sheepskin rugs and cushions spiral with tight silky curls, and toy elves peer from an unkempt tangle of felt and wool. Ice scrapers with knitted handles are my novelty gift find of the day. Most people are gathering goods for their Christmas table. But to discover an even greater selection of produce, I head to the bread basket region of Sormland, a 45-minute journey from Stockholm by train. Residents of Stallarholmen are hosting a Charles Dickens-themed market, with carol singers gathered around a log fire and aromas of roast pork.

Gregarious baker Maria Printz is doing a roaring trade in sticky cinnamon buns and saffron cakes, traditionally eaten at this time of year.

Many of the local meats, cheeses and smoked fish make their way into a traditional julbord (a Swedish smorgasbord) served at Gripsholms Vardshus, a cosy inn located in nearby Mariefred. Vodka-infused salmon, herring pickled with fennel, and a salty roast gammon are all highlights.

I learn more about the origins of this former Viking settlement at the Callanderska Garden folklore centre, a 274-year-old red clapperboard house.

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Three-bedroomed detached home is near town centre

A traditional three-bedroomed detached home, 2 Talbot Street in Rugeley lies within walking distance of the town centre.

With gas central heating and double glazing, it is for sale through C Residential at £245,000 with no chain.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance porch, an entrance hallway, two reception rooms, a kitchen diner, a utility room and a shower room. Off the first floor landing there are three bedrooms and a bathroom. There are gardens to the front and rear and also parking to the rear.

In more detail the entrance hall has parquet-style flooring and an under-stairs storage cupboard and stairs off.

The front facing reception room has a bay window and a marble fire surround housing a coal effect gas fire and wooden flooring. The second reception room - with a window to the rear - has a wooden feature fire surround with a stone hearth and an open fire and wooden flooring.

Having a range of matching wall and floor units with working surfaces over, the kitchen/diner has an integrated electric oven with a separate four ring gas hob with an extractor hood over. There is space and plumbing for a washing machine and further appliance space, tiled flooring and an archway to the utility room. This has space for a fridge freezer, floor tiling and a door to the garden. There is also a door to the shower room with tiled flooring.

On the first floor, bedroom one has a bay window to the front. Bedroom two overlooks the rear and has wooden flooring. Bedroom three overlooks the front.

The family bathroom has a free standing cast iron bath, pedestal hand wash basin and close coupled WC, ceiling spot lights, wooden panelling and flooring.

Outside, the property is set back from the road having a paved pathway leading to the front door and sides of the property, with a lawn and hedge borders. The rear garden is mainly laid to lawn with mature hedge borders, patio and mature rockery and has a garden shed. The parking is accessed by gates from Heron Street.

RUGELEY £245,000

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KEY FEATURES

- Traditional
- Detached
- 3 bedrooms
- Near town centre
- No chain

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- ❖Recessed Canopy Porch
- ❖Impressive Reception Hall
- ❖Cloakroom
- ❖Five Reception Rooms
- ❖Bespoke Luxury Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- ❖Utility Room
- ❖Central Galleried Landing
- ❖Four Double Bedrooms
- Two En-Suite Shower Rooms❖
- Luxury Family Bathroom❖
- Useful Attic Room❖
- Garaging For Three Cars❖
- Cloakroom off Main Garage❖
- Fully Double Glazed & Gas Fired Central Heating❖
- Intruder Alarm and CCTV❖
- EPC Rating C (71)❖

❖Home Network with Audio Visual and Surround Sound System❖
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- ◆ Fitted breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Luxury bathroom and ensuite
- ◆ Utility room and cloakroom
- ◆ Intruder alarm and CCTV
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ LPG gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (62)

£439,950 FREEHOLD

77 NEW STREET, CHASE TERRACE.

SEMI DETACHED HOUSE OF CHARACTER OCCUPYING CORNER PLOT GARDENS With Potential for Extensions, Improvements and For Providing Extensive Off Road Parking/Garaging

- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Ornamental corner plot gardens
- ◆ Extensive off road parking
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

£169,950 FREEHOLD

14 KING CUP DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

WELL EQUIPPED 4 BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING SPACIOUS FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION ARRANGE ON THREE FLOORS WITH SCHOOL GROUNDS TO REAR Conveniently Located For Local Facilities and Access to Cannock Town Centre and Cannock Chase

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Open plan kitchen/dining/ family room
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Built on garage and extensive off road parking
- ◆ Gardens and school grounds to rear
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating B (82)

£228,950 FREEHOLD

CHETWYND, COLEY LANE, LITTLE HAYWOOD

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS OCCUPYING WELL STOCKED PRIVATE GARDENS Located On The Edge of This Popular Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Central reception hall
- ◆ L shaped lounge/ dining area
- ◆ Refitted breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Study
- ◆ Four double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted shower room with two bathrooms
- ◆ Detached double width garage, workshop and store over
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating E (52)

£500,000 FREEHOLD

11A QUEEN STREET, HIGHTOWN, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSELocated In Very Convenient Popular Position Close To Facilities and Railway Station at Hednesford Town Centre

- ◆ Reception hall and cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Refitted breakfast kitchen and utility room
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room and refitted bathroom
- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Integral garage and well stocked gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating D (68)

OIRO £249,950 FREEHOLD

70 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Lounge & dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Utility room & ground floor WC
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ No chain
- ◆ EPC rating D (58)

£122,500 FREEHOLD

198 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Built-On Garage
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating (F) 38

£245,000 FREEHOLD

FLAT 4 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- ◆ Communal hall, stairs and landing
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (80)

£152,950

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IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED COTTAGE REPUTESDLY DATING FROM THE LATE 18TH CENTURY AND CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED IN THE 1970'S Occupying Well Stocked Grounds Extending to Approx 0.2 Of An Acre Located In Much Sought After Rural Greenbelt Position Close to Cannock Chase

- ◆ Lounge and dining room
- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Utility Room & cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Three double bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ Detached double width garage
- ◆ Extensive off road parking & well stocked gardens
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating F (37)

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- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Part double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating 70 (C)

£159,950 FREEHOLD

121 HIGH MOUNT STREET, HEDNESFORD

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED END TERRACED HOUSE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR FACILITIES AT HEDNESFORD TOWN CENTRE

- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ No chain
- ◆ EPC rating D (55)

£99,950 FREEHOLD

67 APPLE WALK, HEATH HAYES

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED ONE BEDROOMED MEWS HOUSE OFFERING EASY TO MAINTAIN ACCOMMODATION OVERLOOKING PUBLIC OPEN SPACE/NATURE RESERVE TO FRONT Conveniently Located For Facilities

- ◆ Double glazed enclosed porch
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Refitted kitchen area
- ◆ Bedroom
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Well maintained foregarden
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating C (75)

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112 BEVAN LEE ROAD, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- Reception hall & cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Side porch
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Vehicular access to rear
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (61)

£550.00 pcm

2 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm & Security phone system
- EPC rating C (74)

£575pcm

APARTMENT 15 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Popluar Residential Area Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Security phone system
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating:B (81)

£495 pcm

7 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

ONE BEDROOM SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION Located on the Picturesque Estate of Teddesley Park

- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge ◆ Inner hall
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed & Oil fired central heating
- Communal grounds
- Communal parking
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
- EPC rating D (68)

£495.00 pcm

45 LONG LANE, NEWTOWN

REFURBISHED SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOWLocated In Sought After Area With Farmland To Rear

- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Large gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (66)

£825 pcm

12 BIRCH TREE LANE, PEAR TREE ESTATE, RUGELEY

REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- Reception hall
- Two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Utility room and cloakroom
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating D (61)

£550 pcm

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12 SAM BARBER COURT, HEATH HAYES

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Economy 7 electric heating
- Fuilly double glazed
- Communal grounds & allocated parking
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating D (68)

£465pcm

56 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Entrance hall
- Sitting room and living room
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating & all windows are double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (61)

£525 pcm

39 TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Electric heating
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (63)

£475 pcm

34 CHASELEY AVENUE, CANNOCK

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Cul-de-sac In Sought After Shoal Hill Area

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Built-on garage
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets allowed
- EPC rating: C (69)

£600 pcm

6 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

NEWLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM PARK HOME SITUATED IN WELL MAINTAINED PARK HOME DEVELOPMENT Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Shower room
- Bedroom
- Off road parking
- Gardens & decked terrace
- LPG central heating
- Fully double glazed
- For persons aged 50 and over
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers

£435.00 pcm

44 ROWLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Adjoining Cannock Chase To The Rear

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- DSS considered
- Sorry no pets or smokers
- EPC rating: G (15)

£120pw

64 SWEETBRIAR WAY, HEATH HAYES

REFURBISHED SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSELocated In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (73)

£675pcm

3 OAKDENE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room & family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Integral garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (77)

£865 pcm

70 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK.

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room & ground floor WC
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (58)

£575.00pcm

4 LANCASTER HOUSE, HEATH HAYES

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Electric heating
- All windows double glazed
- Sorry No smokers or pets
- DSS considered
- EPC rating C (76)

£395 pcm

195A CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR

REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Double glazed
- Electric heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: F (32)

£395pcm

BEAUMONT HOUSE, 3 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

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- Cloakroom with WC
- Sitting room & dining room
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- Kitchen & utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Three en-suites
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Gardens & double garage
- EPC rating: C (76)

£1350pcm

2 DAIRY COTTAGE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

A UNIQUE GRADE II LISTED TWO BEDROOM BARN CONVERSION Located On The Picturesque Estate of Teddesley Park

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room & cloakroom with WC
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Oil fired central heating
- Communal parking & gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating D (67)

£600pcm

17 PILLATON DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

DETACHED THREE BEDROOM HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-de-sac

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (64)

£745 pcm

15 PARTRIDGE CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance hall
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Guest cloaksroom with WC
- Landing
- Two double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & ensuite bathroom
- Garden & gardens
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers

£600.00pcm

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£219,995

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RUGELEY

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£152,500

LOVETT COURT
RUGELEY

A spacious mid terraced property ideal for investment or a first time buyer offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge/Diner and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC Rating E

£99,950

PARK VIEW TERRACE
RUGELEY

A traditional three bedroomed terraced property, ideal for investment or for a first time buyer. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Entrance Hall, Lounge and Kitchen Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom, Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - TBC

£117,500

PENN CROFT
LITTLE HAYWOOD

A good sized detached bungalow situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in a popular and sought after village location offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Guest W.C., Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Gardens to Front and Rear. Garage/Workshop and Driveway. EPC Rating - D

£255,000

MAIN ROAD
BRERETON

Located close to local amenities this two bedroomed ground floor flat offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN an ideal for investors or for a first time buyer. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Inner Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking. EPC RATING - B

£99,995

BELLAMOUR WAY
COLTON

A well presented traditional two bedroomed mid terraced property located in a sought after village location. UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Side Entrance Door, Inner Hallway, Utility Area, Downstairs Bathroom, Lounge and Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and W.C. Garden to Rear. Viewing Highly Recommended. EPC Rating - D

£235,000

PARK VIEW TERRACE
RUGELEY

A three bedroomed mid terraced property in need of modernisation, ideal for investment and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Part UPVC Double Glazing and Part Central Heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Inner Hallway and Downstairs W.C. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear.EPC RATING - TBC

£110,000

CANNOCK ROAD
HEDNESFORD

A two bedroomed mid terraced property ideal for investment or for a first time buyer is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Lounge, Kitchen/Diner and Downstairs Bathroom. First Floor Landing and Two Bedrooms. Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - D

£99,950

ARMITAGE ROAD, BRERETON

A unique family home built by Walton Homes on a small select development. The Lapwing is a four bedroom three storey detached property offering modern family living accommodation with versatile use. This property is also available via the HELP TO BUY scheme, Call to book and view.

£295,000

DOBREE CLOSE
COLWICH

A ground floor two bedroom flat in a popular village location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden and Two Parking Spaces. EPC RATING - D

£110,000

OLD EATON ROAD
RUGELEY

In need of some modernisation this good sized three bedroomed semi detached property in a popular and sought after location is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Entrance Porch, Through Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen (installation required) and Dining Room. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage and Off Road Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£160,000

DELAFIELD WAY
ETCHINGHILL

Three bed detached family home, full details to follow.

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£180,000

ST MICHAELS DRIVE
BRERETON

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. A modern detached family home. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen, First Floor Landing. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Large Drive offering ample Off Road Parking. Garden to Rear. EPC RATING - B

£155,000

THOMPSON ROAD
BRERETON

A three bedroomed semi detached property in a popular location offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Comprising of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Detached Garage and Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£149,950

HAGLEY ROAD
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A well presented two bedroomed mid terraced property located within walking distance to the town centre and local amenities. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Luxury Bathroom, Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - E

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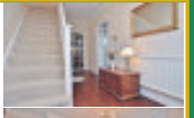

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A traditional extended four bedroomed detached family home in a sought after location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Through Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Breakfast Kitchen, Inner Hallway and Utility Room. First Floor Landing, Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom and Shower Room. Garage with Driveway offering off road parking for several vehicles. Large Garden with views over Cannock Chase EPC Rating - E

£430,000

ARMITAGE ROAD
BRERETON

A delightful refurbished mid-terraced cottage. Entrance Hall, Galley Kitchen, Lounge, First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Second Floor landing leading to an Attic Room/Third Bedroom. Enclosed garden to rear. SINGLE GARAGE and communal parking. EPC RATING - TBC

£165,000

HEDNESFORD ROAD
RUGELEY

Modern ground floor apartment in a popular location ideal for first time buyer or investor and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. En-suite to Master Bedroom. Security Entrance System. Allocated Parking. EPC RATING - C

£105,000

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40% SHARED OWNERSHIP. This modern first floor apartment is an ideal first time buyer and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The accommodation comprises Communal Hallway, Hallway, Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two bedrooms and a Bathroom. Further benefiting from gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows and allocated parking. Viewing recommended. EPC RATING - B

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£105,000

SCHOLARS GATE
BRERETON

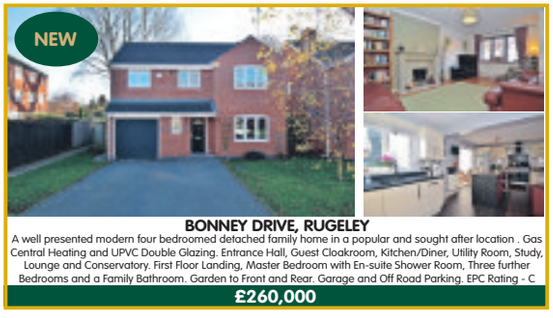
A three bedroomed semi detached family home in a sought after location and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway, Lounge and Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage and Off Road Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING - D

£165,000

STOCKINGS LANE
LONGDON

A three bedroomed semi detached in a sought after village location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. The accommodation comprises of Through Hallway, Lounge and Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room and Separate W.C. Garage with Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - C

£170,000



BONNEY DRIVE, RUGELEY

A well presented modern four bedroomed detached family home in a popular and sought after location . Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room, Study, Lounge and Conservatory. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with En-suite Shower Room, Three further Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear. Garage and Off Road Parking. EPC Rating - C

£260,000

CHURCH STREET
RUGELEY

A semi detached four bedroomed family home positioned on a private road within walking distance to the Town Centre and local amenities and is being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Conservatory and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Second Floor Landing, Master Bedroom and Ensuit Shower Room. Off Road Parking and Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - E

£189,995

ST MICHAELS ROAD
BRERETON

Semi detached property with Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprising Entrance Hall, spacious Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom with separate Shower Cubicle. Gardens to Front and rear. Garage. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. PETS CONSIDERED. EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £760

£560 pcm

CHICHESTER CLOSE
RUGELEY

Modern townhouse in sought after location. Accommodation Comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Guest Cloaks. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Allocated parking for two cars. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating C.
DEPOSIT £780

£565 pcm

ARCH STREET
RUGELEY

A good sized well presented three bedroomed mid terraced property within walking distance to Town Centre and local amenities and is being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Shared Courtyard Garden. EPC Rating - E

£125,000

LOWER BIRCHES WAY
RUGELEY

A well presented modern two bedroomed mid terraced property, ideal for a first time buyer or for investment and is being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Guest W.C. and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Two Allocated Parking Spaces and Garden. EPC Rating - C

£130,000

GORSTEY LEA
BURNTWOOD

Spacious detached property in desirable location, comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Dining Kitchen with some appliances, Guest Cloaks. Four Bedrooms and Bathroom, En-suite to Master bedroom. Garage with driveway parking. Gardens to front and rear. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating tbc
DEPOSIT £1377

£995 pcm

BELLAMOUR LANE
COLTON

Character cottage in rural location. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloaks, Lounge with feature fireplace, Dining Room with Inglenook fireplace, Kitchen with range cooker. Two Bedrooms and spacious Bathroom with separate shower cubicle. Gardens to rear. Secure gated off road parking VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D
Deposit £1,100

£795 pcm

BIRCH LANE
BRERETON

A traditional three bedroomed semi detached family home in a popular location. UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Entrance Porch, Hallway, Kitchen, Lounge Diner, Conservatory and Downstairs Bathroom with Separate W.C. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms. Large Driveway with Off Road Parking, Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£150,000

BATESWAY, BRERETON

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£375,000

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RUGELEY

A first floor Maisonette in a traditional property located in a town centre position and is being offered for sale with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Communal Entrance Hall, Lounge, Inner Hallway, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off Road Parking. EPC Rating - E

£85,000

HOWELL MEWS
RUGELEY

A modern second floor apartment. Electric heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances,Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, En- suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom. Electric heating and Double Glazing. Garage and Allocated parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS.
DEPOSIT £755

£545 pcm

BRERETON MEWS
BRERETON

Two bedroom first floor flat comprising of Hall, spacious Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Bathroom with shower and Two Double Bedrooms. Allocated Parking. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £760

£550 pcm

CROSSLEY STONE
RUGELEY

A well presented traditional Grade II listed one bedroomed cottage located within the Town Centre close to local amenities. Benefiting from gas central heating the accommodation comprises of an open plan Kitchen/Lounge and Dining Room. Stair case to Bedroom and Bathroom. There is a small Courtyard fore garden. EPC RATING - E

£105,000

FORGE ROAD
RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this two bedroomed property making it ideal for the local town centre amenities. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen. First floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Small garden area to front. Parking in communal area to rear. EPC RATING - D

£99,500

LARKHOLME CLOSE, ETCHINGHILL

Currently converted to a two bedroom detached home with NO UPWARD CHAIN situated in the sought after location of Etchinghill. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, W.C. Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and Utility Room. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms● and Shower Room. Driveway, Car Port and Garden. EPC RATING - D

£225,000

ST PAULS ROAD
RUGELEY

Mid Terraced property comprising of Entrance Hall, Kitchen with some appliances, Lounge. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Gardens to front and rear. Off road parking to rear. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £692

£520 pcm

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£139,950

BURNFIELD DRIVE
RUGELEY

A three bedroomed link detached in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen and Conservatory. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage and Large Driveway offering off road parking. Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - E

£143,500

EATON DRIVE
RUGELEY

Three storey townhouse. Comprising Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Guest Cloaks. Two Bedrooms to first floor including Master with Ensuite. Bathroom and Two Bedrooms to second floor. GCH and DG. Gardens to front and rear. Allocated parking at rear. EPC Rating B. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. PETS CONSIDERED.
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- Re-fitted bathroom & En-suite
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- Conservatory, Study
- Garage, Driveway
- Private enclosed garden
- Early viewing essential
- Awaiting EPC rating

£249,950

CANNOCK
PENNINE DRIVE

- Spacious Three bedroom Detached
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen, utility
- Family bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- Driveway and garage
- EPC rating D

£239,950

CHESLYN HAY
WOOD GREEN

- Three bedroom detached
- Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area
- Extended Lounge
- Dining Room
- Three good size bedrooms
- Family bathroom, WC
- Garage & driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating
- Cul-de-sac location

£175,000

CANNOCK
VIOLET CLOSE

- Modern two bedroom apartment
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating B

£45,000 40% share

HEDNESFORD
STEPHENSON WAY

- A modern two bedroom apartment
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
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- Ideal investment
- Awaiting EPC rating

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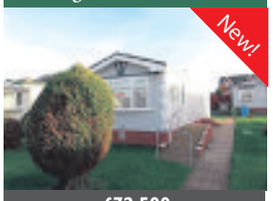

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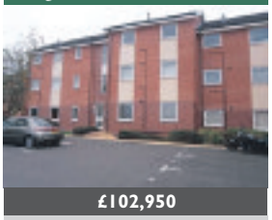

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- Well Presented Throughout
- Entrance Hall & Open Plan Lounge
- One Double Bedroom & Bathroom
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East Cannock Road Hednesford

£140,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- No Upward Chain
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden To Rear
- Off Road Parking To Front
- EPC = D

Mary Street Hednesford

£175,000

- Extended Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Downstairs Shower
- Ground Floor Study/Playroom
- Driveway & Enclosed Rear Garden
- EPC = D

Huntington Terrace Road Cannock

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£149,950

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£189,950

St Thomas Way, Rugeley

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£144,995

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£174,950

Tithebarn Road, Rugeley

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£269,950

The Shrubbery, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom detached bungalow, situated in a quiet cul de sac location and being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN.Having Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom.Driveway to Detached Garage and Gardens

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Impressive five bedroom detached dormer style house / Tastefully decorated throughout / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Large reception style conservatory / Detached garage / Drive for

Offers in the Region Of £345,000

Lion Street
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Spacious and truly unique character property / Potentially seven bedrooms / High ceilings & original fireplaces throughout / High ceilings & original fireplaces throughout

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St Christopher Close
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Immaculately presented four bedroom detached family home / Enivable corner plot in quiet cul-de-sac / Tastefully decorated & finished to high modern standard / Driveway for up to six vehicles /

£295,000

Bower Lane
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Exclusive four bedroom detached property / Set back from main road & on private street / Generous corner plot position / Large rear garden / Driveway with parking for three vehicles / Two en-suites

Offers in Excess of £290,000

Walsall Road
GREAT WYRLEY

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Private gated driveway / Rear garden / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Study, utility & WC / Four bedrooms, three of which are doubles ●

£285,000

Wolverhampton Road
CANNOCK

Four bedroom character property with a unique bespoke design / Spacious accommodation throughout / Large lounge with feature Inglenook fireplace

Offers in Excess of £280,000

Gloucester Way
HEATH HAYES

Extended & immaculately presented detached family home / Set on a good sized corner plot down a quiet cul-de-sac / Tastefully decorated and finished to a good standard / Spacious reception rooms

£274,950

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RUGELEY

Extended three bedroom detached family home / Set on enviable corner plot / End of private cul-de-sac / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Several spacious receptions rooms / Driveway

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Ullswater Place
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Deceptively spacious five/six bedroom dormer style bungalow / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Spacious lounge and open plan kitchen-diner / Private rear garden with brick built workshop

£250,000

Clover Meadows
HEATH HAYES

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Large plot at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac / Private South facing rear garden / Spacious lounge & open plan L shaped dining kitchen

£250,000

Chasewater Way
NORTON CANES

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Sought after cul-de-sac location / Stunning large rear conservatory / Good sized private rear garden / Private driveway for two cars plus garage

£245,000

Nelson Drive
HEDNESFORD

Three bedroom detached bungalow / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Driveway providing off road parking

£230,000

Haymaker Way
WIMBLEBURY

Immaculately Presented Three Bedroom Detached House / Spacious Reception Rooms / Modern Breakfast Kitchen / Large Master Bedroom With En-Suite / Driveway For Three Vehicles

£225,000

Littleworth Road
HEDNESFORD

Extended and well presented five bedroom family home / Spacious lounge & open plan dining kitchen / Useful downstairs shower room / Private rear garden / Integral garage / Driveway providing off road

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Immaculately presented three bedroom semi detached house / Modern fitted high specification kitchen & bathroom / Tasteful decoration throughout / Tandem carport / Driveway with parking for

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Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Situated at the end of quiet cul-de-sac / Private rear garden / NO ONWARD CHAIN

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Pheasant Way
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Three Bedroom Mid Terraced Town House / Set Over Three Storeys / Sought After Area With Pleasant Green To Front / Finished To A Good Modern Standard / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation

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Three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / Oversized garage and driveway providing off road parking

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Semi detached character property / Large rear garden ideal for entertaining / Modern breakfast kitchen and bathroom / Two double bedrooms with w/c to the master

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Two bedroom character property / Fantastic semi rural location / Rolling views of the countryside to the front & rear / Newly modern fitted kitchen & bathroom

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Stevens Drive
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Well presented two bedroom semi-detached house / modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / spacious accommodation / private rear garden / parking for two vehicles / NO ONWARD CHAIN

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- Courtyard, double garage
- EPC rating D

3 2

Burntwood Office - £325,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

BURNTWOOD, ELDER LANE

- Impressive detached house
- Two reception rooms
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- Ample off road parking
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- Sought after location
- Delightful views to the front
- EPC Rating E

4 2

Great Wyrley Office - £280,000

GREAT WYRLEY, HILTON LANE

- Spacious detached property
- Extended family accommodation
- Lounge, kitchen, guest WC
- Family room, conservatory
- Neatly maintained gardens
- Driveway parking
- EPC rating to follow

4 1

Great Wyrley Office - £270,000

TURNBERRY, DOWNFIELD CLOSE

- Impressive detached house
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge / dining room
- Conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- Driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

4 2

Great Wyrley Office - £259,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY, LONG LANE

- Impressive semi-detached house
- Superb location
- Lounge, kitchen / dining room
- Uitlity room
- D/s bedroom & shower room
- Garage, off road parking
- EPC rating to follow

4 2

Burntwood Office - £210,000

NEW PRICE

HAMMERWICH, OVERTON LANE

- Cottage style home
- Spacious open plan kitchen/diner
- Ample off road parking
- Mature private rear garden
- Countryside views to the rear
- Sought after village location
- EPC rating C

3 1

Burntwood Office - £210,000

NEW PRICE

BURNTWOOD, HOSPITAL ROAD

- Spacious family home
- Generous rear garden
- Delightful views to the front
- Good size bedrooms
- Plenty of potential
- Sought after location
- EPC rating D

3 1

Burntwood Office - £180,000

NEW PRICE

NORTON CANES, HILL STREET

- Semi-detached bungalow
- Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge, conservatory
- Kitchen / breakfast room
- Loft conversion
- No onward chain
- EPC rating to follow

2 1

Burntwood Office - £180,000

BURNTWOOD, SLADE AVENUE

- Detached bungalow
- Extended accommodation
- Lounge
- Kitchen / dining room
- Gardens, driveway parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating to follow

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £175,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

CHURCHBRIDGE, ROMAN VIEW

- Well proportioned semi
- Superb outlook to the front
- Spacious lounge, conservatory
- Kitchen / diner, utility room
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Gardens, driveway, garage
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3 2

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CHURCHBRIDGE, NUTHURST DRIVE

- Impressive semi-detached house
- Prime location
- Beautifully presented interiors
- Modern fixtures & fittings
- Lounge, kitchen/diner, utility
- Garage & driveway
- EPC rating D

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £149,950

GREAT WYRLEY, BROOKLANDS AVENUE

- Superb semi-detached house
- Well presented interiors
- Prime village location
- Lounge, kitchen / diner
- Garden with 'workshop'
- Driveway parking
- EPC rating C

2 1

Burntwood Office - £145,000

CANNOCK, COMMON LANE

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Newly built
- Ample off road parking
- Close to town centre
- Fitted kitchen
- Spacious lounge/diner
- EPC rating C

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £129,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

BLOXWICH, GRENFELL ROAD

- Well presented semi
- Ideal 1st time / investment buy
- Dual aspect lounge / diner
- Kitchen. Guest WC
- Two double bedrooms
- Good sized rear garden
- EPC rating to follow

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £125,000

GREAT WYRLEY, TELFORD AVENUE

- Well proportioned terrace
- Popular village location
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen, hall / dining room
- Two double bedrooms
- Garden, driveway parking
- EPC rating C

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £118,500

NEW PRICE

BLOXWICH, MARLBOROUGH STREET

- Superb end-terrace house
- Ideal 1st time or investor buy
- Two reception rooms
- Large breakfast kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Low maintenance garden
- EPC rating D

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £89,950

GREAT WYRLEY, ACHILLES CLOSE

- Mid terraced property
- Ideal investment property
- Lounge, kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Garden. No onward chain
- Garage in separate block
- EPC rating D

2 1

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•Stunning Cottage•Flexible & Versatile Room
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£300,000 EPC=F

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•Four Bedrooms•Double Entry Driveway
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Burntwood New

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•Modern Fitted Kitchen•Driveway & Garage
£268,000 EPC=TBA

Wimblebury

Haymaker Way
•Detached Family Home•Popular Location
•Two Reception Rooms•Four Bedrooms, 2 Ensuites
£267,000 EPC=C

Cannock

Lucas Rise
•Executive Detached House•Lounge & Dining Room
•Luxury Breakfast Kitchen•Guest WC & Utility Area
£265,000 EPC=B

Wimblebury

Waterlily Close
•Detached House•Very Well Presented
•Four Bedrooms•Garage & Driveway
£255,000 EPC=C

Rugeley

Armitage Road
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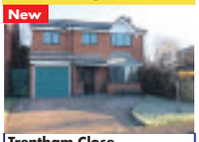
•Four Bedrooms•Two Ensuites
£249,995 EPC=C

Heath Hayes New

Trentham Close
•Extended Detached•Lounge & Dining Room
•Four Bedrooms•Driveway & Garage
£245,000 EPC=D

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Heath Hayes

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•Kitchen & Utility Room•Four Bedrooms
£235,000 EPC=D

Hednesford New

Littleworth Road
•New Build, Three Bedrooms•Through Lounge
•Fitted Kitchen/Diner•Guest WC, Parking
£227,500 EPC=TBA

Cannock

Victoria Street
•Detached Family Home•Four Bedrooms
•Lounge/Kitchen•Off Road Parking
£220,000 EPC=C

Cannock

Pye Green Road
•Detached House•Lounge & Dining Room
•Kitchen & Utility Room•Family Room
£190,000 EPC=D

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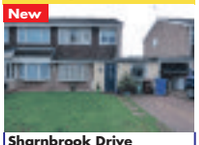
Edward Street
•Versatile Detached House•Large Lounge/Diner
•Conservatory, Wet Room•Fitted Kitchen
£189,995 EPC=D

Hednesford New

Swallowfields Drive
•Semi Detached House•Lounge/Diner
•Conservatory & Kitchen•Three Bedrooms
£165,000 EPC=C

Rugeley New

Sharnbrook Drive
•Linked Semi Detached•Utility & Guest WC
•Three Bedrooms•Driveway & Rear Garden
£155,000 EPC=TBA

Cannock

St Johns Road
•Semi Detached House•Through Lounge/Diner
•Kitchen•Guest WC
£150,000 EPC=E

Cannock

Bradford Street
•Semi Detached House•Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
•Three Bedrooms•Shower Room
£149,995 EPC=D

Cannock New

Herondale
•Semi Detached House•Popular Location
•Three Bedrooms•Lounge/Diner
£149,995 EPC=TBA

Hednesford

Raven Close
•Semi Detached House•Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
•Three Bedrooms•Garage & Utility
£145,000 EPC=E

Cannock

Albert Street
•Semi Detached House•Very Well Presented
•Three Bedrooms•Luxury Kitchen
£140,000 EPC=E

Brownhills West

Cherwell Drive
•End Terraced House•Three Bedrooms
•Guest WC & Conservatory•Lounge & Kitchen
£135,000 EPC=B

Hednesford New

Pavillion View
•Semi Detached House•Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
•Two Bedrooms•Off Street Parking
£135,000 EPC=D

Wimblebury

Claygate Road
•Terraced House•Modern Fitted Kitchen
•Spacious Lounge/Diner•Three Bedrooms
£130,000 EPC=C

Cannock

Hednesford Road
•Extended Semi Detached•Lounge & Dining Room
•Kitchen & Guest WC•Three Bedrooms & Bathroom
£134,995 EPC=E

Hednesford

High Mount Street
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•Kitchen & Utility•Two Bedrooms
£130,000 EPC=E

Cannock

Barnard Way
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•Conservatory & Guest WC•Three Bedrooms
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Great Wyrley

Walsall Road
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•Two Reception Rooms•Upstairs Bathroom
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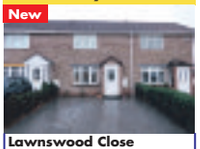
Heath Hayes New

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•Large Driveway & Garage•Private Rear Garden
£125,000 EPC=TBA

Cannock No Chain

Devon Road
•Semi Detached House•Three Bedrooms
•Close to town centre•Lounge & Kitchen
£124,950 EPC=C

Cannock

Cannock Road
•Semi Detached House•Three Bedrooms
•Lounge & Kitchen•Driveway For Parking
£119,950 EPC=C

Heath Hayes New

Bank Street
•Period Terraced House•Two Reception Rooms
•Modern Fitted Kitchen•Two Bedrooms
£99,950 EPC=E

Huntington No Chain

Violet Close
•40% Shared Ownership•2nd Floor Apartment
•Lounge, Kitchen•2 Bedrooms
£40,000 EPC=B

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- Bungalow - UPVC Double Glazing
- Bungalow - Large Plot
- Detached Annex - Double Glazed
- Detached Annex - Gas Central Heating

£299,950

Redmond Close, Rugeley

A Five Bedroom Extended Link-Detached House

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- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Garage & Ample Parking

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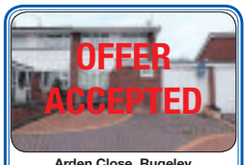

Arden Close, Rugeley

Three bedroomed semi-detached

- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Ground floor WC
- Conservatory
- Lounge and 2nd Lounge
- Workshop/Utility

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Chapelside, Rugeley

A Two Bedroom End Terrace House

- Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen and Family Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Parking

£119,500

Tunnicliffe Drive, Rugeley

Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House

- UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Kitchen and Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Shared Driveway and Detached Garage

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Chichester Close

A 3 bedroomed end terrace house

- Double glazing and gas central heating
- Ground floor WC
- Gardens front and rear
- Lounge/ Dining room
- 2 parking spaces

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Western View, Rugeley

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- Recently Re-Furbished
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Trent View Close, Rugeley

A Two Bedroom Semi-detached House

- Double Glazed & Gas Central Heating
- Lounge
- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Driveway and parking to front
- Enclosed rear garden

£595PCM

Aneurin Bevan Place

A three bedroom mid terrace property

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Enclosed Rear Parking
- Lounge/Dining Room
- TENANCY FEES APPLY

£550 pcm

Hawkhurst Drive, Hill Ridware

A Three Bedroom Mews Cottage

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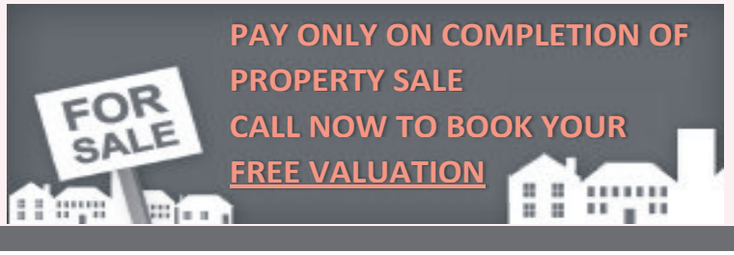

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Wimblebury Road, Heath Hayes
offers over £99,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS have for sale this two double bedroom semi-detached property with NO CHAIN in a ready to move into condition in Wimblebury/ Heath Hayes, near to transport links and schools. The property briefly comprises of a entrance, family lounge, dining room or additional lounge, modern fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom with was hand basin, bath, built in shower cubicle with shower and WC and on the first floor there are two double bedrooms. Externally there is a shared access driveway to the end-terraced which provides parking to the rear of the property for multiple cars and a garden area mainly lawned. EPC: Awaited

Claygate Road, Heath Hayes
£110,000

PUBLIC NOTICE Connells are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £105,000 for 11 Claygate Road. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Connells 10-12 Wolverhampton Road WS11 1AH 01543 500923 before exchange of contracts.

High Street, Norton Canes
£110,000

Connells Estate Agents have for salr this three bedroom semi-detached in Norton Canes, near to bus links, schools and local shops. The property briefly comprises of a entrance hall, family lounge, fitted kitchen, separate dining room, scope for downstairs WC as there originally was when first built. The first floor comprises of a landing, bathroom with wash hand basin, separate WC, three bedrooms all of a good size. To the front the property briefly comprises of a driveway providing parking for multiple cars and to the rear there is entertaining patio and graveled area and further ron a separate lawn area amongs are various shrubs and trees. The property comprises of entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, rear entrance porch, three bed rooms, WC, bathroom, off road parking and rear garden. Energy rating: E.

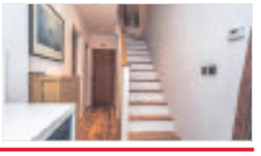
Pheasant Way, Heath Hayes
£125,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom ground floor apartment located in Heath Hayes. The property briefly comprises of open plan modern fitted kitchen, lounge / dining area with juliet balcony, two bedrooms, bathroom and allocated parking. Energy rating: C.

Capercaillie Drive, Heath Hayes
£125,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom first floor apartment located in Heath Hayes. The property briefly comprises of open plan modern fitted kitchen, lounge / dining area, two bedrooms with the master bedroom having en-suite, bathroom and allocated parking. Energy Rating: C.

Dartmouth Mews, Dartmouth Road
£129,950



CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom, TWO STOREY, maisonette property located in Cannock Town Centre.

The lower floor of the maisonette briefly comprises of hall with study area, two bedrooms and a bathroom whilst the upstairs has a further open plan lounge/ kitchen.

Cannock Road, Cannock
£135,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom end-terrace property located in Cannock near to schools, shops and transport links. The property briefly comprises of family lounge, dining room, study room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs WC with wash hand basin. On the first floor there are three bedrooms all of a good size, family bathroom, wash hand, shower and WC. Externally to the front there are steps up to the front entrance and to the rear there is access to rear driveway and garden area which is block paved. Energy rating: E

Pye Green Road, Hednesford
£140,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this immaculately presented three bedroom semi detached on the popular Pye Green Road. The property comprises of entrance hall with stairs to first floor and doors into a storage cupboard, lounge, dining room (which then leads to a kitchen). The first floor comprises of landing with doors to the bathroom and three bedrooms. Outside to the front of the property is a gravel driveway suitable for multiple cars. To the rear there is a patio with with a path way leading through a lawn area. Energy rating: D.

Manor Avenue, Great Wyrley
£160,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached property in Great Wyrley which is within the catchment area to Saint Thomas More, Moat Hill and Great Wyrley High School. The property comprises of lounge, dining room which is open plan to the kitchen, downstairs bathroom, three bedrooms. You also have a large block paved driveway which allows vehicle access through to the rear garden. Energy Rating - D.

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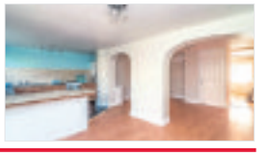
Bridges Road, Norton Canes
£165,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in the village of Norton Canes near to schools, local amenities and transport links. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, extended modern fitted kitchen diner, family lounge, three bedrooms and a modern fitted bathroom. Externally to the front there is parking for multiple vehicles and to the rear there is entertaining patio area and separate lawn area. Energy rating: D.

Brampton Drive, Heath Hayes
£179,950

WOW! CONNELLS HAVE FOR SALE THIS EXTENDED AND REMODERNISED THREE BEDROOM LINK-DETACHED PROPERTY IN HEATH HAYES, WALKING DISTANCE TO FIVE WAYS AND GORSEMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS.



Hawthorne Road, Cheslyn Hay
£185,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this THREE bedroom SEMI-DETACHED property in CHESLYN HAY. On the ground floor the property comprises of entrance porch, lounge/diner, modern fitted kitchen and a utility/garage room (with electric roller door to the front) whilst on the first floor there are three bedrooms and a bathroom. From the first floor there are stairs leading to the loft room which is partially converted and has lighting and power, there is potential for this to be converted into a fourth bedrooms (subject to correct planning and permissions. Externally, to the front you have a large block paved driveway which allows side gated through to the rear garden which is mainly astro turf. Energy Rating - D.

Prescott Drive, Penkridge
£190,000

●●●THREE BEDROOM SEMI ON ONE OF THE MOST DESIRABLE CUL-DE-SACS IN PENKRIDGE●●● An extremely well presented semi detached family home located within the popular market town of Penkridge. The accommodation in brief comprises hallway which leads to both a large lounge to the front and a pleasant kitchen to the rear which flows through to a dining room with patio doors opening onto the well presented rear garden. On the first floor are three bedrooms and a Family bathroom. Externally you have a front garden which is mainly lawn, large car port which leads to the garage and a driveway for multiple cars. To the rear you have a rear garden which is hardly overlooked. The property benefits from gas central heating and Upvc double glazing (where specified). Energy Rating:- D

Wolverhampton Road, Penkridge
Offers Over £200,000

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this FOUR BEDROOM semi-detached house in the sought after village of Penkridge, ideally situated for commuters having near by motorway links, fantastic schools near by, train links, pubs and local amenities. The property briefly comprises of a entrance hall, family lounge, modern fitted kitchen diner, DOWNSTAIRS WC, dining room or snug room. On the first floor there are four bedrooms all of a very good size and a modern fitted bathroom with wash hand basin, WC and bath. Externally to the front there is a block paved driveway providing parking for several cars and to the rear there is a fabulous large family garden and a entertaining decking and patio area. There is also a secure gated access to the front of the property and GARAGE. Energy rating: E.

High Street, Cheslyn Hay
£250,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this property in the heart of Cheslyn Hay which is within walking distance to Cheslyn Hay Primary and other schools, amenities and transport links. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, further family room. Upstairs you have four bedrooms and family bathroom which has been recently fitted. To the front of the property you have the benefit of off road parking and a GARAGE whilst to the rear there is a significantly large garden with a lawn and block pave area. Energy Rating: D.

Victoria Street, Hednesford
£275,000

INTRODUCING TWO BRAND NEW BUILD DETACHED BUNGALOWS. CONNELLS are delighted to bring to market these THREE bedroom detached bungalows ONE WITH GARAGE located in Hednesford within walking distance to main shops, train stations and main bus routes. These bungalows are currently under construction and are expected to be complete by the End of August however this is only an approximate date. With a huge demand in this area already these bungalows are available to reserve off plan and will be finished to a very high standard. Call CONNELLS to find out more information and find out more about the high spec!

Stafford Road, Great Wyrley
£365,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are delighted to market for sale this impressive three bedroom detached beaming with character and beautiful views to the rear situated in the sought after village of Great Wyrley near to schools, transport links, pubs and local amenities. This property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, downstairs WC with wash hand basin, family lounge, dining room with double doors into modern fitted kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms all of a good size with the master bedroom benefiting from having a recently fitted en-suite and windows that open completely out on to a superb elevated decking area, bathroom with an impressive power shower, WC and wash hand basin. To the front there are private electric gates with intercom system, block paved driveway, front and rear gardens with various shrubs, trees and water features, summer house at the bottom of the garden, side access to the rear through secure gate and separate access into garage/workshop through door to rear. Energy rating: D.

Manor Avenue, Cannock
offers over £420,000

Connells estate agents have for sale this SIX bedroom detached with FIVE BATHROOMS house located in Cannock Town Centre. This property has been heavily extended and is set over three floors. High quality finished such as underfloor heating (where specified), bi-folding doors in the kitchen/diner, ethernet cables in most rooms and orangery style sky light with feature ambience mood lighting (colour changing technology). The property comprises of the following:- Ground floor - entrance hall, lounge with bay window, 23ft● x 23ft● kitchen/diner/family room, utility room, downstairs WC, downstairs WC, modern fitted luxury kitchen which is open plan into conservatory, utility room. First floor - four bedrooms, one with en-suite and two with jack and jill bathroom and a further family bathroom. Second floor - two bedrooms both with en-suites. Being a corner plot, externally the property has a driveway suitable for multiple cars as well as a huge rear garden which houses a detached annexe / wood cabin which has a lounge, bar/games room, shower room and a garden room. EPC Rating: awaited

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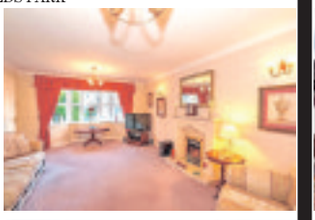
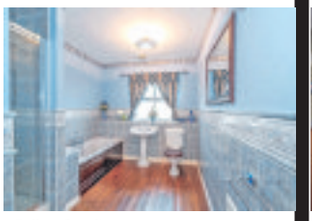




- Executive Detached
- Through Hallway
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Guests WC
- 5 Bedrooms
- Gallery Landing
- En-Suite
- Double Garage
- No Chain

£475,000

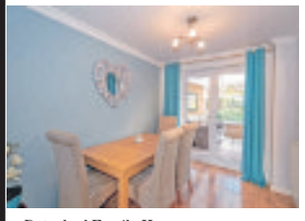
GREAT WYRLEY
NORTON LANE

- Detached Family
- Porch, Hallway
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Gardens, Parking
- Det.Double Garage

£295,000

REDUCED

NORTON CANES
BEAUMONT WAY



- Detached Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Lounge,
- Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility, Guest WC
- Conservatory.
- Four Bedroom
- Family Bathroom, En-suite.
- Driveway, Garage
- Private Garden.

£227,500

NEW

HEDNESFORD
RUGELEY ROAD

- 3 Bed Family Home
- Viewing Essential
- Through Hallway
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Gardens, Driveway
- Viewing Essential

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- Kitchen
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- Viewing Recommended

£180,000

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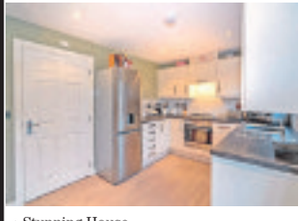
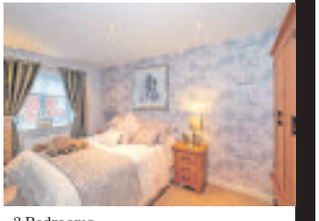

- Stunning House
- Entrance Hall
- Guests WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway

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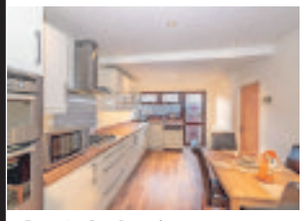

- Executive Det. Bungalow
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom, En-Suite
- Refitted Kitchen/diner
- Generous Lounge/Diner
- Double Garage, Driveway
- Landscaped Gardens
- NO CHAIN

£295,000

NEW

CANNOCK
DEVON ROAD

- Semi Detached
- Through hall
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 3 Dbl Beds
- Bathroom
- Garage
- No Chain

£124,950

HEDNESFORD
MARCONI PLACE

- Field Views
- Hallway, Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Playroom (garage conversion)
- 3 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway
- Gardens

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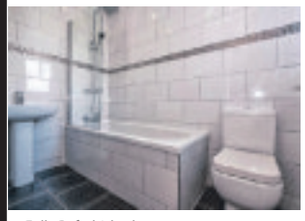

- Fully Refurbished
- No Chain
- Wooden Frame Porch
- Through Hallway
- Open Plan Living
- Utility Room, Guest WC,
- 4 Bedrooms, En-suite
- Dressing Room
- Family Bathroom

£289,950

NEW

CANNOCK
CANNOCK ROAD

- Modern Semi
- Entrance Porch
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Guests WC
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- No Chain

£119,950

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
GORSEY LANE

- Traditional Semi
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recomended

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NEW

CANNOCK
CLARION WAY

- Semi Detached
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Gardens
- NO CHAIN

£109,950

CANNOCK
WORDSWORTH CLOSE

- Detached Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Gardens
- No Chain

£159,950

CANNOCK
ULLSWATER PLACE

- Detached House
- Through Hallway, Guest WC,
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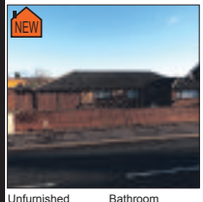

Unfurnished
Detached
Bungalow
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Parking
2 Garages
EPC Rating D

£750 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
CEMETERY ROAD

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Garden
EPC Rating D

£595 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

GREAT WYRLEY
ANSON ROAD

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Conservatory
GCH & DG
Garden
Parking
EPC Rating F

£595 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HUNTINGTON
OAKLANDS CLOSE

Unfurnished
Semi Detached
House
Lounge
Dining Area
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
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EPC Rating C

£575 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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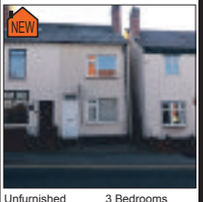

Unfurnished
Semi Detached
House
Lounge
Dining Room
Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
En Suite
GCH & DG
EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
BOND WAY

Unfurnished
Semi Detached
House
Lounge
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2 Bedrooms
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EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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Unfurnished
Cottage
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Central Heating
Double Glazing
Garage
Garden
Awaiting EPC

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

RAWNSLEY
RAWNSLEY ROAD

Unfurnished
Terrace House
Lounge
Dining Room
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Rear Parking
EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished
Second Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

WALSALL
MOORSIDE GARDENS

Unfurnished
2nd Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

PYE GREEN
BROADHURST GREEN

Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Garden
EPC Rating C

£400 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

BRIDGTOWN
UNION STREET

Unfurnished
First Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating E

£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
WOODFORD END

Unfurnished
Ground Floor Flat
Lounge
Kitchen
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
Heating
Double Glazing
Parking
EPC Rating C

£375 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
BOND WAY

Unfurnished
Detached House
Lounge
Kitchen Diner
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Rear Garden
Garage
Parking
EPC Rating D

£625 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
REMBRANDT CLOSE

Unfurnished
Town House
Lounge
Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
GCH & DG
Garden
Parking
EPC Rating C

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
THE HEATH

Unfurnished
2nd Floor Flat
Open Plan
Lounge Kitchen
2 Bedrooms
Bathroom
Gas Central
Heating
Double Glazing
Secure Parking
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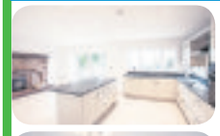

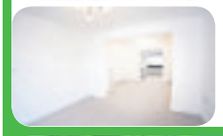

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£595,000

Red Lion Lane, Norton Canes

- Immaculate Four Bed
- Detached Outbuilding
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- Stunning Kitchen Diner
- Utility and Downstairs WC
- Secure Parking at Rear

£270,000

Meriden Close, Cannock

- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Bedrooms
- Very Spacious
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Cul De Sac Location
- Garage
- No Upward Chain
- EPC - TBC

£267,500

Eccleshall Road, Stafford

- Detached New Build Executive Home
- 4 Bedrooms
- Finished To High Spec
- Stylish En-suite Shower Room
- Open Plan Kitchen / Dining Room
- Immaculately Finished
- Brand New
- EPC - C

£335,000

Strathmore Place, Cannock

- Exquisite Detached Bungalow
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Stunning Dining Kitchen
- Comprehensively Improved
- Spacious Accommodation
- EPC - D

£300,000

The Priory, Baswich Lane, Stafford

- Detached Family Home
- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Garage
- No Upward Chain

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- Garage
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- Open Fields To The Front
- Two Reception Rooms
- Very Popular Location
- Carport & Garage
- Downstairs WC
- Lounge & Dining Room

£260,000

Keys Park Road, Wimblebury

- Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Modern Kitchen & Utility
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Large Block Paved Drive

£235,000

Gorsey Lane, Cannock

- Traditional Terrace Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen & Downstairs WC
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
- No Upward Chain
- Close To Cannock Town Centre

£169,995

Mill Crescent, Heath Hayes

- Three Bed Semi
- Rear Facing Lounge/Diner
- Converted Garage
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Modern Rent
- Popular Location
- Rear Garden Not Overlooked

£165,000

Earlswood Way, Cannock

- Modern Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Downstairs WC
- Stylish Kitchen Diner
- Close To Cannock Town
- Two Car Driveway
- Immaculate Condition

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Charlemonte Close, Hednesford

- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Fully Upvc Double Glazing
- Part Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage In Block

£120,000

Chase Walk, Huntington

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Spacious Living Room
- Secure Off Road Parking
- Gas Combi Central Heating
- Fully Upvc Double Glazed
- Recently Rewired
- No Upward Chain

£110,000

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- Off Road Parking
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- No DSS/PETS

£395 pcm

MORETON STREET, CHADSMOOR

- 1 Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS/PETS

£400 pcm

HOWELL MEWS, RUGELEY

- 2 Bed Flat
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- En-suite & Bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazing
- Allocated

£530 pcm

WELLINGTON MEWS, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bed Mews
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Heating & GD
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR

£575 pcm

BROADHURST GREEN, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bed Flat
- Part Furnished
- Lounge, Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/ PETS

£475 pcm

GLENMORE AVENUE, BURNTWOOD

- 2Bed Mid Terrace
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Garden
- Energy rating D
- Sorry No DSS/

£575 pcm

WATLING STREET, BROWNHILLS

- NO DEPOSIT OPTION
- Three Bed Detached
- Lounge, Dining room
- Kitchen, Shower

£575 pcm

HOBBY WAY, HEATH HAYES

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£575 pcm

REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- 2 Bed End
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy rating D
- No DSS/Pets

£595 pcm

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- SMART DEPOSIT SCHEME Available
- Two Bed Detached
- Lounge, Dining Room

£600 pcm

MERLIN CLOSE, CANNOCK

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Dining room
- Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Garage/Garage
- Energy rating D

£675 pcm

SWALLOWFIELDS DRIVE, HEDNESFORD

- Three bed semi
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory, kitchen
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Gardens,

£675 pcm

CAPERCAILLIE DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

- Three Bed Mid
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Guest WC
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens, Drive & Garage
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR PETS

£750 pcm

BLAKE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Conservatory,
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Gardens & Drive
- EPC Pending

£595 pcm

HOBBY WAY, HEATH HAYES

- 2/3 Bed Flat
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen, En-suite
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR

£600 pcm

BELLBROOK, PENKRIDGE

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility
- Guest WC & Shower Room
- GCH, DG,

£625 pcm

SHAKESPEARE ROAD, CHASE TERRACE

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Diner
- Shower Room & WC
- GCH, DG
- Gardens,

£700 pcm

CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR

- A Fully Re-furbished End Terrace
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- DG/GCH
- Parking at Rear -Two Cars

OIEO £90,000 No Chain

ACORN CLOSE , HEATH HAYES

- A Well Presented End Town House
- Hall
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Allocated Parking

OIEO £100,000

HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor
- Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking At Rear
- Town Centre Location

£105,000 No Chain

BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Spacious Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen-Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£112,000

REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- A Mid Terraced House
- Lounge
- Kitchen-Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Popular Location

£115,000 No Chain

BROAD STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- A Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- Family Lounge, Dining- Sitting Room
- Extended Modern Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Good Sized Garden
- Viewing Essential

£115,000

HOWELL MEWS, RUGELEY

- Immaculately Presented Apartment
- Security Entrance
- Entrance Hall
- Open-Plan Lounge/ Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Parking

£119,950

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- A traditional Well Presented Semi Det
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility/ Guest WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- Town Centre Location

£139,950

CHARTERFIELD DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

- A Very Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen-Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential

£139,950

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

- Well Presented and Spacious Semi Det House
- Through Hall
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Guest WC & Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms & Family Bathroom

£138,500

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

- Extended and Much Improved Bungalow
- Reception Hall & Family Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area
- Impressive Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£179,995

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

- Reception Hall
- Lounge & Sitting Room
- Dining Room & Large Conservatory
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three 1st Floor Bedrooms
- 1st Bathroom/Shower Room
- Driveway & Garage

£200,000 No Chain

GORSEMOOR ROAD, HEATH HAYES

- A Well Presented Link Detached
- Entrance Hall
- Family Lounge & Dining Room
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Modern Fitted Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage and Driveway

OIRO £200,000

HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Kitchen & Family Room
- Ground Floor Bedroom/ Ensuite Shower
- Four Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Master with Dressing Room/Study
- Driveway & Rear Garden

£210,000

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

- An Impressive Detached Bungalow
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MALLARD WAY, PENKRIDGE

- Superbly Presented Detached Family House
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- Re-Fitted Ensuite & Bathroom

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NEW

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£235,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

NORTON CANES

Wallace Close

A delightful 3 bedroom detached family home. GCH, DG, porch, hall, spacious lounge/dining room. kitchen, conservatory, detached garage, rear garden & no onward chain.

£179,950

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BURNTWOOD

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• Offered with no onward chain this re-furbished two bedroom ground floor apartment. Re-fitted kitchen & bathroom, parking, spacious lounge, an ideal first time buy.

£89,950

TWO BEDS

CHASETOWN

Cottage Close

A two bedroom 1st floor maisonette with a private garden and garage, GCH, DG, Hallway, utility area, breakfast kitchen, lounge, two double bedrooms, bathroom, garage in a separate block, private rear garden.

£105,000

CONSERVATORY

BURNTWOOD

Keepers Close

• A beautifully maintained two bedroom end of terraced property, originally a three bedroom and easily converted back to a three bedroom. GCH, DG, kitchen, conservatory, garage, parking, gardens.

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RAWNSLEY

Plot 2, Longstaff Avenue

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£145,000

NEW & CHAIN FREE

BURNTWOOD

Newgate Street

Offered with no onward chain enabling a swift sale this 2 / 3 bedroom end terraced property which occupies a generous corner plot with the added benefit from having a detached garage and parking.

£147,500

SOLD

NORTON CANES

Burntwood Road

• A beautifully re-fitted three bedroom semi-detached family home, new GCH system, two recption rooms, new kitchen & bathroom, garage, rear gardens, no onward chain.

£169,950

SOLD

WALSALL

Walstead Road West

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£850 PCM

NEW

CHASETOWN

High Stret

A two bedroom property with parking to the rear, electric heating, DG,lounge, downstairs W.C, open plan kitchen, bathroom, rear communal area, availiable now.

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BURNTWOOD

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NEW

CANNOCK

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£550 PCM

NEW

RAWNSLEY

Middleway

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KITCHEN	LOUNGE
ONE BEDROOM	EPC C

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KITCHEN	LOUNGE
ONE BEDROOM	EPC B

Anglesey Street, Hednesford

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GROUND FLOOR FLAT	ALLOCATED PARKING
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
ONE BEDROOM	EPC D

Dorney Place, Cannock

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ALLOCATED PARKING	LOUNGE, KITCHEN
TWO BEDROOMS	EPC C

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THREE BEDROOMS	EPC D

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DETACHED PROPERTY	GARAGE
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
THREE BEDROOMS	EPC C

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No fear here, this four-legged spider brings smiles all the way

By John Griffiths

In recent years Fiat has spearheaded its revival by going back for the future: drawing on its iconic '500' tag to help popularise not one but a whole range of thoroughly modern motors from a cute city car to an SUV.

So its latest offering is an contemporary take on its two-seater sports car from the 1980s in the form of the 124 Spider, albeit a very different proposition.

Most people like an honest, relatively simple drop-top and with its Italian styling the new Spider is undoubtedly a very pretty example. But underneath is Japanese engine and chassis technology from the Mazda MX-5, the car which kept the flame of the affordable sports car alive virtually single-handed and was rewarded by becoming the single best-seller in the field by some margin.

Add Fiat's new turbocharged 1.4 litre engine and it's a winning combination – the 140bhp test car was capable of doing the 0 to 62mph dash in 7.5 seconds and managed an overall 43mpg.

Looks, performance and reasonable running costs from a car which starts from under £20,000. You can hardly ask for more.

If you want, or can afford, to pay more you can go for the 170bhp Abarth version which is a more hardcore proposition, with uprated suspension too.

The Spider is well equipped with the latest technological trappings such as a central touchscreen control for navigation, audio, connectivity and other functions, with remote controls on the adjustable steering wheel.

It also has the classic luxury with large, well shaped leather sports seats and – essential to such a car – an easy to remove fabric roof. It's manual operation: you can't sit there with your finger on a button and impress those behind you in the traffic jam but you can release the locking mechanism and let it drop back into its allotted storage area an awful lot quicker. About two seconds, in fact, rather than 20 or 30 and it also saves weight as well as money and room, so you still have a boot worthy of the name: about 140 litres which is enough, for example, of a couple of typical 'carry-on' wheelie cases at least.

The 1.4 litre engine is impressive. Not only in outright power terms, but also its impressive 240Nm of torque thanks to the turbo: all that's available from 2,250rpm which, along with the car's light weight, contributes to that brisk initial acceleration.

It's no less impressive for 'in-gear' performance either. Prepare to be surprised the first time you change down for a quick overtake. The exhaust is tuned to produce a crescendo of snarling fury under acceleration – it would hardly be a sports car without that – but while cruising in top it abates to an audible but not intrusive growl which is less wearing on long trips.

The Spider scores highly here: its engine and excellent dynamics make it a lot of fun when required, but it's altogether more civilised for a journey. Those leather seats are excellent too as I can attest after spending over four hours behind the wheel (most of which was spent in a mammoth motorway jam) and emerging without a twinge in these old bones.

For those who haven't experienced rear wheel drive, it adds a real sense of involvement to the driving experience, while modern suspension electronics in the form of traction and stability controls elminate the worst excesses of the genre seen in older examples of the genre (ie a loose rear end).

The suspension is firmish but still almost surprisingly compliant, softening the bumps on typical British B roads without rattling your teeth or wandering off track.

The steering is quick and positive, helping the car to turn in quickly and maintain its line through the corners. The brakes (discs all round) and powerful without being so sharp they're likely to stand the car on its nose.

The gearbox – modified from the Mazda original to allow for the turbo's extra torque – is a slick six-speed example, with short throw and a positive feel which allows changes as rapidly as the driver can co-ordinate hand/foot movements.

Electric front windows, front and side airbags, climate control and cruise control are standard, with a reversing camera and parking radar on all but base models. That's a useful option, as like most two seats rear three-quarters visibility is limited with the roof up. Direct rear vision isn't an issue as the rear window is glass and heated (older readers will remember the days of rapidly yellowing perspex in this role).

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Stylish rear-wheel drop-top that is so pretty and also a great drive

As for running costs, the Spider's official fuel average is 44.1mpg which equates to a CO2 rating of 148g/km for tax purposes. The standard car's insurance rating is 25/26E with the Abarth version rated three groups higher.

When Fiat signed its deal with Mazda to use the MX-5s underpinnings it was undoubtedly a shrewd move. It was, after all, taking some of the best bits from the acclaimed best-selling two-seater and saving on research and development costs which helps to keep the 124 Spider affordable. But the end result is no Japanese clone but actually a significantly different car with its entirely new (and rather pretty) body, the different character of the 1.4 turbo engine and some gearbox and suspension tweaks.

It is clearly a throughly modern and highly competent car with technologies our fathers and grandfathers couldn't have dreamed of.

But, no matter how hard you try, you can't avoid taking a look in the rear view mirror to a golden age when the front-engined, rear wheel drive drop top (many of them British!) ruled the roads, their pictures plastered across the bedroom walls of a generation of schoolboys.

The 124 Spider in many ways builds a bridge between the two worlds, creating many a smile along the way.

BMW to start new autonomous centre

Latest technologies will be used

BMW is starting a new development centre for autonomous driving technology ahead of the brand's first autonomous car arriving in 2021.

The Unterschleissheim campus, situated just north of Munich, will be the base for more than 2,000 BMW employees, who will work on developing and road-testing driverless cars. BMW has confirmed it will introduce its first fully autonomous vehicle – the iNext – in 2021, and the move represents an even greater commitment to the technology.

André Müller, a software developer in the autonomous driving team, confirmed that the brand would be developing the iNext's software entirely in-house. "We do our own programming here and are responsible for implementing our own ideas," he explained. We use the latest technologies, such as ROS (Robot Operating System), and are able to see the results quickly and directly in the vehicle. It is extremely exciting to be working on such an important area for the future."

"The road to fully-automated driving is an opportunity for Germany's automobile manufacturing base," said Klaus Fröhlich, a member of the board of management responsible for development at BMW.

"In order to succeed, we are establishing new forms of collaboration, with small teams of specialists for rapid response and collaboration across the company, as well as a high level of individual decision-making authority," he claimed.

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Scout has a distinctive off-road look and innovative all-wheel drive

All-rounder gets new technology

The comprehensive revision of the Škoda Octavia family continues. Now, after the hatchback, estate and the fastest model variant – the Škoda Octavia vRS, comes the most versatile member of the family with innovations in technology and equipment.

The upgraded Škoda Octavia Scout launches with two engine variants and state-of-the-art all-wheel-drive technology with electronically controlled, hydraulic multi-plate clutch. With a ground clearance that has been increased by 30 mm in comparison to the Škoda Octavia estate, the compact five-door also masters rough terrain. Beyond that, it impresses with good climbing capability, a high towing capacity and numerous 'Simply Clever' features from Škoda.

The robust all-rounder impresses with a distinctive off-road look, innovative all-wheel drive, the best driving characteristics and increased versatility both on and off the road. The comprehensively reworked Scout bears the same front as the newest generation of Škoda Octavias and thereby underlines the family resemblance: it features a more prominent bonnet, the new front end with wide radiator grille and additional headlights with a crystalline look, full-LED headlights with adaptive front headlights. Also the modified fog lights and tail lights

The Scout has good boot capacity

are equipped with LED technology. Its independent character is recognisable by silver-coloured underbody protection at the front and the rear. The Rough-Road package is also part of standard equipment and features covering for the undercarriage , brake and fuel lines.

The Scout impresses with its interior space, which for the compact car segment is particularly generous, good body layout, distinct versatility, high level of functionality and great driving characteristics. Besides the increased ground clearance, the all-wheel drive with electronically controlled, hydraulic multi-plate clutch, which comes as standard, also ensures even greater driving pleasure off the road. When driving on rough terrain the advantages of the ramp angles, which have been increased to 16.6 degrees at the front and 14.5 degrees at the rear, become apparent.

Both the front and rear axle of the car are fitted with an electronic differential lock (EDL) as standard. EDL allows the car to pull away smoothly on difficult surfaces, transmitting drive to both the front and rear axles.

For safer and easier descents on rough terrain the off-road function is available for the Scout. When in use the speed of the vehicle is consistently maintained without the driver needing to do anything. Modern engine management, which increases safety during descents using braking, makes life easier.

The 'Simply Clever' features include a heated steering wheel and seats with the Thermo-Flux function which, from time to time, increases the air and moisture permeability and provides considerably more riding comfort in different climatic conditions – the upgraded Scout is therefore an adventurer in the truest sense. The boot has a capacity of 610 to 1740 litres and thanks to its width of 1010 mm, is also perfectly suited to transporting bulky loads without any problems. Numerous storage solutions in the interior increase practicality. Towing capacity is up to two tonnes, depending on the engine.

The reworked adventurer is available from market launch with two different four-cylinder engine variants:

2.0 TDI: 110 kW (150 PS), top speed 129 mph, 0 – 62 mph in 9.1 seconds, combined consumption 56.5 mpg, CO2 130 g/km

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The current car is equipped with all the modern infotainment systems of the new Škoda generation. All of the capacitive touch displays feature a glass design. The wide range of driver assistance systems in the Scout sets new standards within its segment. Innovations here include Trailer Assist, Blind Spot Detect and Rear Traffic Alert. The Crew Protect Assist function, which closes windows and the sunroof in the event of an impending accident and tensions the seat belts on the front seats, is connected to the improved Front Assist function.

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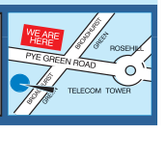

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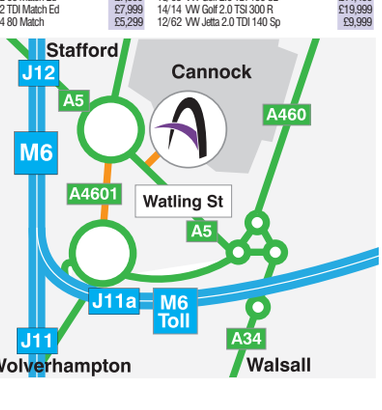

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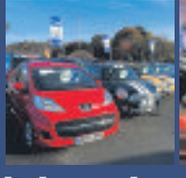

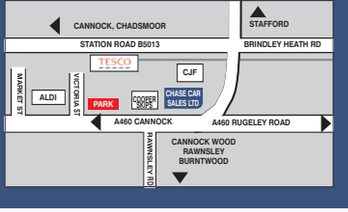

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Ford Focus was in its element on the Brecon Beacons

Welsh roads are absolute blast in latest Focus RS

By Darren Cassey

The setting sun is casting a beautiful golden glow across the Brecon Beacons as a light mist hovers in the air. I imagine this epic scene would make ramblers go weak at the knees, if it wasn't for the fact I'm shattering the peace with a highly-strung four-pot and a ludicrously over-engineered family hatchback.

The roads atop the moors dip and dive across the kind of terrain that would make an Ordnance Survey map look like a plate of spaghetti.

There are sweeping, well-sighted curves and tight switchbacks in equal measure, and this Ford Focus RS is in its element.

The light was already beginning to fade when I set off on an epic journey from the southern tip of Wales to Denbigh in the north. Approximately 180 miles with not so much as a dual carriageway to catch my breath.

I'm not complaining, though. This third- generation Focus RS might not be quite as bewinged as its predecessors, but it's still a proper rally car wannabe. The 2.3-litre EcoBoost engine makes 345bhp and one hell of a racket as gunshots ring from the exhaust on upshifts.

Ignore the interior, concentrate on the drive

The Focus RS has traditionally used front-wheel drive, with some technical wizardry employed to try – and mostly fail – to tame unwanted torque steer under acceleration.

But the new version gets the all-wheel drive system Fast Ford fans have been crying out for.

It's a mighty clever thing, too. With a rear-biased torque delivery in Sport mode, the Focus handles like a ludicrously grippy rear-wheel-drive car when you're pushing its limits.

With the low sun casting long shadows across the road and my only companions up here an endless supply of suicidal sheep, I decide to swallow a brave pill and see if I can discover where those limits lie.

I quickly discover they're well beyond what I could ever find on the road.

Simply chuck the RS into a corner to shift the weight to the outer rear wheel, then plant your foot on the throttle and let the all-wheel drive system make you look like a hero. Then giggle incessantly before doing it all over again at the next bend.

The slightly heavy steering at low speeds suddenly makes sense once you start channelling your inner hooligan.

The days of communicative steering are unfortunately behind us, but you still get a sense of how much grip the front end has.

I hadn't really gelled with the RS until now. You sit too high, the interior feels cheap and the Sync infotainment system is a lesson in bad design. Ignore the fact that the ride is so harsh that even in Normal mode you'll need your chiropractor on speed dial, and you quickly forget it's not your everyday, common-or-garden Focus.

Leaving the moorlands in my rear-view mirror, I find myself on a mountain pass seemingly miles from civilisation.

Out here, with empty roads and full beams straining to illuminate the horizon, the Focus RS is an absolute blast.

I can see why some won't like it. The fact that at anything below 100 per cent effort it can feel ordinary can be a turn-off, but when you start to reach the upper reaches of its performance, it's just mind-blowing.

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New Kia Stinger GT aimed at former Saab customers

The Stinger features Kia's signature 'tiger nose'

By Antony Martyn

Kia has revealed its most powerful sports saloon car ever – the Stinger GT – a car it believes will offer former Saab buyers the chance to be different again.

The five-seat fastback sports saloon – unveiled at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit – will arrive in the UK with a twin turbocharged 3.3-litre V6 engine, producing 365bhp.

Kia says the car will crack 60mph in around five seconds, have a top speed of 167mph and feature an eight speed gearbox and rear-wheel drive when it goes on sale here in October.

But the manufacturer says it isn't targeting the obvious rivals from BMW, Audi or Mercedes – instead it believes the Stinger GT will be the sort of car former Saab buyers might buy.

A spokesman said: "This is a car for buyers who want something different – the anti-German brigade who used to buy Saabs. Doctors, accountants, architects, those people who want individual styling, a larger car and value for money."

Saab stopped selling cars when it went bankrupt in 2011. It was bought by a Chinese-Swedish investment group in 2012 which promised to restart production, but that hasn't happened. It traditionally sold in low volumes to buyers looking for an alternative to the mainstream offerings.

The car has four oval exhaust pipes

Kia doesn't expect to sell huge volumes of the Stinger GT in the UK either – the spokesman said 1,500-2,000 a year would be a huge success. "America will be the largest market for this car," added the spokesman.

The Stinger GT is a direct evolution of the concept car that first debuted at the Frankfurt Motor Show in 2011, penned by Kia chief design officer Peter Schreyer.

Featuring four oval exhaust pipes, wheel arch gills, an integrated rear diffuser, LED headlamps and Kia's signature 'tiger nose', the Stinger GT certainly has those sporty looks. And with former BMW man Albert Biermann behind the chassis, which has been honed on the Nurburgring, performance is at its core.

He said: "I think, for the Kia brand, the Stinger is like a special event because nobody expects such a car, not just the way it looks but also the way it drives. It's a wholly different animal."

A 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine will also be available in the Stinger GT, producing 255bhp. However, this is not coming to the UK – well, not just yet anyway.

"The Stinger GT is a car for performance saloon enthusiasts who might have bought one from the likes of Ford or Vauxhall in the past but were put off by the fact they were produced by manufacturers selling 350,000 cars a year," added a spokesman. "This is will be imposing, more individual, luxurious and exclusive."

It is a direct evolution of a concept car

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Cicely

Passed away peacefully on December 28, 2016, aged 82 years.

Cicely will be missed by loving Husband Ken, Children Susan, Stephen, Diane, David, Lynn, Anne and Families.

Funeral Service to be held at St Peter's Church, Hednesford, on Friday, January 13, at 2pm, followed by Interment in the Churchyard.

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BLASTOCK

Cicely

nee Dangerfield

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CLAY

Lynda

nee Yates

Of Hednesford.

Passed away on December 21, 2016, aged 47 years.

Beloved Mom of Joshua and Lewis and loving Daughter of Valerie and a dear Sister, Auntie, Sister-in-law and Friend.

Service will be held at St Aiden's Church, Chadsmoor on Thursday, January 12, at 2pm, followed by Committal at Stafford Crematorium.

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Norman

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Much loved and missed by all his Family and many Friends.

His Funeral Service is to be held on Friday, January 13, at 1pm, at Streetly Crematorium, East Chapel.

All flowers welcome. Donations, if preferred, can be made for St Giles Hospice.

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DEWIS

Ann

Sadly passed away on Friday, December 30, 2016, aged 73 years.

Ann was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of her Family and Friends.

Her Funeral Service will take place on Friday, January 13, 2017 at Trinity Methodist Church, Hednesford at 10am, followed by a Burial at St Peter's Church, Hednesford.

Family flowers only please.

Donations, if so desired for Alzheimer's Society.

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DUNNING

Thelma

Of Station Road, Hednesford, promoted to glory, December 28, 2016, aged 81 years.

Will be greatly missed by Daughter Elizabeth.

Funeral Service will take place at Hednesford Salvation Army on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 2.30pm, followed by a Cremation at Stafford Crematorium.

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FOWELL

Barbara

nee Siers

Passed away peacefully on December 28, 2016, aged 88 years.

Will be sadly missed by all her Family.

The Funeral Service will take place at Stafford Crematorium on Friday, January 20, 2017, at 2pm.

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HYDEN

Dennis

Husband

I want to tell you something Den, so there won't be any doubt.

You're so wonderful to think of but so hard to be without.

They say it's a beautiful journey from the old world to the new.

Some day I'll make that journey which will lead me straight to you.

And I when I reach that Garden in which there is no pain, I'll put my arms around you, and we'll never part again.

God bless. Love you always.

Your loving Wife Barbara.

Dad

If I listen really close in the silence of the night, I hear your voice to comfort me and say that you're alright.

I find comfort in the knowledge that God is always there, to keep the one I love so much forever in His care.

Your loving Son Stephen.

Dad

I never ask for miracles, but today just one will do.

To see the front door open and see our Dad walk through.

Love you lots Dad.

From Lorraine and Kevin.

Dad
X X
Dad

You'll never be forgotten Dad, how we wish you were here.

We place some flowers where you lay and shed more than a tear.

We think about you everyday and often speak your name.

But all we have now are memories and your picture in a frame.

Love you forever

Maxine, Paul and Ellie.

JABBAR

Doctor

Late of Hednesford.

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MARSTON

William

Of Cannock.

Formerly of Broomhill Motors.

Sadly passed away on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, aged 85 years.

Beloved Husband to Grace and adored Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather.

The Funeral Service will take place on Friday, January 20, 2017 at St Peter's Church, Hednesford at 1.45pm, followed by a Committal Service at Stafford Crematorium.

Family flowers only please.

Donations would be appreciated for the charities chosen by the Family.

All further inquiries c/o

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MORRIS

Susan Gillian

Passed away peacefully, aged 65 years, on December 20, 2016.

Funeral Service to take place at Stafford Crematorium on Thursday, January 12, at 11am.

Family flowers only.

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Any further inquiries to:

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PALIJ

Gladys Lillian

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The Funeral Service is to be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 10.30am at St Mark's Church, followed by Interment at Great Wyrley Cemetery.

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Donations, if preferred, can be made for The British Heart Foundation.

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PEARSON

Beryl

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Beryl was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of her Family and Friends.

Her Funeral Service will take place on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at Chadsmoor Methodist Church, Cannock, at 10am, followed by a Committal Service at Stafford Crematorium.

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REID

Susan

nee Mayer

29 December 2016.

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Mom, Dad, Michelle, Kevin and Families.

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TITLEY

Janet Mary

Of Cannock, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 26, 2016, aged 79 years.

Much loved and sadly missed by her Family and Friends and all who knew her.

The Funeral Service will take place on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at St. Aidan's Church at 11am, followed by Interment at Stile Cop Cemetery.

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TITLEY

Janet Mary

14.7. 37 - 26.12.16

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If God calls me to Heaven and I reach it before you do,

I promise I'll take care of it the way you'd want me to.

I will keep it warm and tidy, the way you like a home to be,

and I'll brighten it with Heavens flowers, Angels and songs.

Your Loving Husband

Ben. X X X

TITLEY

Janet Mary

14.07.37 - 26.12.16

God saw you were getting tired, Mom and a cure was not to be.

So He put His arms around you and whispered come to Me.

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer and watched you fade away.

Although we loved you dearly we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating and a warm loving heart to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us that He only takes the best.

Your brokenhearted Sons, Darren and Brendan and Grandchildren, Joseph and Scarlett.

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WESTWOOD

Vera

Passed away peacefully, December 24, 2016, aged 89 years.

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Funeral Service will be held at Stafford Crematorium, on Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 4pm.

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DEAKIN

Elaine

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Our Elaine.

Greg, Steven and Paul.

SMITH

Gillian Kaye

January 10, 2008.

Softly leaves in memory fall, gently I gather and treasure them all, unseen, unheard, you are always near, so missed, so loved, so very dear.

Loving Husband Trevor and all the Family.

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HYDEN

Dennis

The Wife and Family of the late Dennis Hyden would like to thank all those who attended his recent funeral.

The Rev. Joyce Stewardson for a lovely Service, the Staff at Heath Hayes Cons for their help and everyone who sent cards, messages and flowers to the Family at this difficult time.

PRICE

Leon Harry

Previously of Pye Green Road, Cannock.

Ivy, Denise, Leon Jr, wish to thank all Family and Friends, for cards, love and support, following Lee's death at his home on September 22, 2016.

Thanks to Rev'd Peter Harris for a lovely Service, The Barns Hotel for their catering and a special thanks to Anthony at Maguire Funeral Directors for his efficient funeral arrangements.

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Denise and Ian also completed the memory walk for Alzheimers Society raising anither £2000

' Lee was our world and we miss him dearly'

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PUGH

John

Pam and Caroline would like to thank all our Family and Friends for attending Johns Service on December 23, 2016, and for all the cards and messages of sympathy received.

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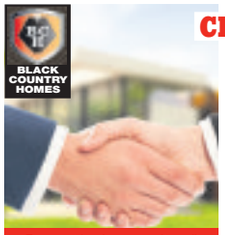

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Sports stars grow from grassroots

SPORTING FEATURE

NICK ELWELL looks at some of the local sports stars who made the headlines in 2016

TEENAGERS Charlotte Breen and Katy Murmanis began the new year with Georgia on their minds.

The talented Tettenhall and Black Country Volleyball Club players were selected to play for England in their European Under-19 clashes with Georgia and Belarus.

Bilbrook Junior FC had cause for celebration in January after landing a £400,000 windfall from the FA, to be used on a new changing pavilion and improved pitches.

In February, Wednesfield Aces became the first cycle speedway club to receive money from Sport England with £6,000 to help fund coaching courses and new equipment. Meanwhile, East Park Wolves cycle speedway club marked their milestone 10th anniversary.

Wolverhampton and Bilston AC duo Ellis Greatrex and Psalm Roberts-Nash, both 16, claimed first and second in the 400m at both the Welsh Under-20 and senior championships.

Crowned

Sandwell's Kimura Shukokai Portway Karate team had 13 members called up by England for the World Championships in Berlin. In the boxing ring, Merridale BC's Akash Tuqir, 17, was crowned champion at the England Youth Championships in Rotherham.

Halesowen's Laura Barker, 22, became a golden girl in the +70kg category at the British National Pro Jiu Jitsu Championships in London.

In March, 13-year-old Bloxwich jiu jitsu ace Lewis Newman, of Simkin Martial Arts Academy in Walsall, struck gold in the Pan-American Championships in class two of medium heavyweight division at Long Beach, California.

Wodensborough Boxing Club's Lauren Johnson landed the English middleweight title.

Dudley electrician Scott Palmer was called up to represent Great Britain at the European Sprint Duathlon in Germany. Year 10 and 11 girls from Coppice Performing Arts School were crowned national futsal champions.

Cannock's Zac Evans was buzzing after winning the EKF European Welterweight title, defeating Jean Marie Pierak at the Lincoln Fight Factory. April saw the covers come off Springhill Cricket Club's new pavilion, while girl power ruled on a historic night for the Wolverhampton Sunday Football League as four female officials took charge of the Harry Round Cup final for the first time.

Jeweller Aaron Sheldon and auctioneer Ben Gamble with the Wednesbury Charity Cup

Halesowen Athletic Club honoured their most famous runner. A plaque was unveiled in Somers Square while the drive at the Abbey Stadium was named after Jack Price, who ran in the 1908 Olympic marathon in London and led the formation of the club in the 1920s.

Former England rugby captain and RFU chairman Bill Beaumont was guest of honour at a special dinner to commemorate Willenhall Rugby Club's 50th anniversary.

Women's world snooker champion Reanne Evans lifted the Staffs and West Midlands League Individual Championship in May. Wodensborough BC's Benjamin Whittaker, 18, lifted the England Elite middleweight title, days after selection for the England podium squad. Snooker star Mark Allen checked into Bilston's Golden Cue club to help pocket £2,500 for Dudley Mind and the Deanesley Centre at New Cross Hospital.

Stourbridge karate ace Liam Reynolds was crowned an English champion at the age of 10. Meanwhile, 3 Hammers Golf claimed the Critchley Award from the Golf Foundation for its work in encouraging youngsters to take up the sport.

Walking football took centre stage at Molineux, while Wednesbury 11-year-olds Amillia Baker and Kirsty Maull smashed their way to a national table tennis title. Former world champion Ken Doherty was the guest of honour at the Stourbridge Snooker League annual awards night. Penn Cricket Club took the wraps off their new £70,000 clubhouse and £25,000 state-of-the-art net facility.

Legendary football scout Les Green called time on his days of talent spotting at the age of 77.

Another former snooker champion, John Parrott, was guest of honour for the Staffs and West Midlands League awards night. Priory Park Boxing Club's new-look gym was opened in the presence of MP Ian Austin.

Wolverhampton University's Walsall campus was the venue for the Black Country School Games, featuring more than 1,400 youngsters.

Cyril Hockham took to the green at Willenhall Trinity Bowls Club to celebrate his 100th birthday in July.

Fordhouses under-13 cricketers were the pride of Staffordshire, becoming Nat West Club County champions.

The Dudley & Cradley Heath League was forced to blow the final whistle after a 106 years of competition.

Another local football league, the Wolverhampton Combination, admitted defeat in its battle to continue, after 113 years.

Powered

Halesowen Cricket Club landed their first major piece of silverware in 14 years in September, lifting the WCB Canterbury Cup at New Road.

Willenhall Trinity Bowls Club clinched their first-ever Staffordshire club competition, while Burntwood's Last Chance Saloon powered to the Great Britain Tug of War Federation Championship.

Landywood player Jack Harris potted his way to victory over snooker legend Jimmy White in a charity exhibition at Bilston's Golden Cue for the Paul Hunter Foundation.

In October, former New Zealand cricketer Jeremy Coney was the guest of honour as Netherton Cricket Club rounded off their 150th anniversary year with a dinner at Dudley's Village Hotel.

Aldridge cricketer Robert Steadman, a 16-year-old all-rounder, was named Young Volunteer of The Year at the NatWest Outstanding Service to Cricket Awards at Lord's.

In November. Burntwood racer Lloyd Shelley defended his Formula 600 title and winning the Sound of Thunder Class, while Kamila Czartolomna's powerboating success reaped reward for South Staffs SC in December.

Wood Green Athletic were celebrating a £1,000 windfall thanks to the sale of te 136-year-old Wednesbury Cup at auction. Willenhall Rugby Club stalwart Elfyn Pugh was honoured with a lifetime achievement award by the RFU.

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All square as Scholars let lead slip

Rugby 2 Chasetown 2

A DRAMATIC first game of 2017 saw honours even as Rugby Town and Chasetown shared four goals in the Evo-Stik North Division One South.

The Scholars opened the scoring on the half-hour after Ryan Wynter slid the ball into the path of Mitch Piggon who drilled a low shot past Dan Jezeph.

Within minutes, Piggon almost doubled the lead with a powerful shot that struck the inside of the post and bounced to safety.

The Scholars deservedly added to their lead just five minutes into the second half as Wynter broke clear and drew the keeper at the near post before picking out Jack Langston who had the easiest of close range tap-ins.

On the hour though, Rugby got their way back into the game with a Levi Rowley goal that found its way into the net after a massive deflection.

Both sides were reduced to 10 men in the 80th minute after an altercation in the penalty area which saw Rugby Town's Anthony Charles and Chase skipper James Dance shown red.

With Chasetown already fielding a makeshift defence at the start, losing Dance saw Wynter drop into the back line and Rugby found a way through the Scholars defence to level in the 87th minute via David Kolodynski's effort.

The drama wasn't over there, though.

Rugby's Aaron Moses-Garvey was felled for a penalty and then saw his own spot-kick superbly saved by Curtis Pond.

Then, deep into stoppage time, Jezeph somehow clawed Pierce Kiembi's shot off the line.

After visiting Belper on Tuesday, Chasetown are on their travels again on Saturday, with Newcastle Town the hosts in the league.

Naughton earns visitors points in seven-goal thriller

Heath Hayes 3 Atherstone 4

A CROWD of 114 witnessed the best game seen at the Coppice Colliery Ground for several seasons and a young Heath Hayes side were unlucky not to have taken at least a draw against third placed Atherstone.

Hayes took a third minute lead when Ryan Burns fired home.

But Hayes failed to press home their superiority and the Adders turned the game on its head with goals from Alex Naughton and Kyle Turner to give them an interval lead.

Hayes were level within a minute of the restart when James McGeady set up Brad Rolston. Within five minutes Hayes were in front when, McGeady fired home spectacularly from 25 yards.

Back came the Adders and Aden Moore powered home a free-kick which normally home keeper Mark Wiggins would have held but the slippery ball squirmed from his grasp. Then, Naughton, reputedly the league's highest earner, fired home the winner.

Hayes visit Coventry Copsewood on Saturday, kick off at 3pm.

It's Gunner be a dream move for Bramall

Cohen Bramall for Pitmen

COHEN Bramall has been hailed as a dream to work with by former boss Liam McDonald as the Hednesford Town left-back completed a sensational move to Arsenal.

The 20-year-old has signed a two-and-a-half-year deal with the Gunners after impressing during a trial. The fee is undisclosed, but it is believed it will net the Pitmen £40,000.

McDonald, who recruited Bramall while in charge of the Pitmen in May, said: "It's a great story for Cohen and for Hednesford, and for the chairman (Steve Price) who backed me to get him on a contract even though he probably did not know much about him. He was a dream to work with over pre-season."

Bramall, who played for the likes of Market Drayton Town and Newcastle Town prior to his move to Keys Park, impressed in the Evo-Stik Premier and has also had spells on trial at Crystal Palace and Sheffield Wednesday.

McDonald, who left Hednesford in October to take charge of National League side Solihull Moors, added: "It is his journey and it is credit to the hard work he has put in. As the manager who took him to Hednesford, I am so excited for him. For me, it would be one of my proudest moments.

"He is a nice lad. He is humble and I think that will take him far – he realises Hednesford have played a big part."

Bramall said: "My mum was in tears. My family and mates have been speechless."

● The club have extended the loan of Kidderminster Harriers midfielder George Forsyth until February 4.

NO CASE FOR THE DEFENCE

Spennymoor 4 Hednesford Town 2

HEDNESFORD Town's defensive frailties were again exposed in a 4-2 Evo-Stik Premier defeat at Spennymoor Town.

The first real chance of the game fell to the Pitmen when Jamie Sheldon got down the right wing in the fourth minute and his cross found a sliding Tony Clarke but the striker couldn't get enough on it with the goal gaping.

That would prove to be crucial as Paul Casey's side fell behind two minutes later when a ball into the Hednesford box picked out Shane Henry and he powerfully headed home from the edge of the area.

A good chance came and went in the 15th minute when Gavin Caines rose highest to head a corner down in front of goal with the ball being fired wide by Jamie Matthews.

Five minutes later good interplay down the left saw Courtney Wildin pick out George Forsyth who flashed a header wide.

Back came the home side though and after seeing one shot blocked for a corner, Town stopper Lloyd Ransome had to react quickest to keep out a header before Dan Brenan made another timely block.

Reprieve

This would only be a temporary reprieve for the Pitmen though as Brenan was adjudged to have committed a foul in the box and Joseph Tait fired home from the spot.

Vinny Mukendi, on as a half-time substitute, made an immediate impact as he headed home from six yards out after being picked out by David McDermott in the 53rd minute.

But in the 65th minute a poor goal kick from Ransome fell to Nathan Fisher who brushed off Brenan, rounded the goalkeeper and slotted home.

The home side extended their lead with six minutes to go as Fisher was on hand to tap home at the far post.

Hednesford did manage to claw another back in the second minute of stoppage time when Mukendi headed home for the second time.

The Pitmen face trips to Derbyshire for their next two games, travelling to Buxton on Saturday and Ilkeston next Tuesday.

Eagles soar to unbeaten run

Zak Morris, with Jack Williams, Joel Clark, Kyle Fiddler, manager Dave Clark and front, from left, Harrison Boswell Ethan Barber, captain Ashton Newman and Maxwell Moti

A JUNIOR football team are carrying all before them as they celebrate an unbeatable year.

Hawkins Eagles under-10s have yet to lose a match since stepping up to 50-minute games, a run dating back to January last year. Coached by Dave Clark, the lads have during that time picked up the Mid Staffs Premier League and Mid Staffs Knockout Cup, a competition contested by some 19 teams.

They have have remained unbeaten even in friendly games and added to their silverware by winning the Hawkins Sports summer football tournament. Clark, who has been in charge of the group since the end of their under-8s days said: "It has been a complete transformation and it's all down to the players."

Eagles play on a Sunday morning, on a round-robin basis with games played at grounds in Rowley Park and the Riverway, Stafford, Monckton Recreation Centre, Penkridge and Cardinal Griffin School, Cannock.

Eagles have been fundraising to pay for a trip to a tournament at Butlin's, Skegness at the end of the season.

Hosts take the spoils in derby clash

Burntwood 20 Cannock 14

AFTER a typically hard-fought local derby in Midlands 3 West North, Burntwood sealed the win with a late try to stay second in the table.

The hosts had the better of territory and possession for long periods but a combination of tough tackling and errors at crucial moments kept the result in the balance until the end.

Sean Latham's side had the ideal start with a try inside two minutes as Neil Holden touched down in the corner.

A penalty award from the restart gave Cannock the chance of an early reply but the kick at goal was wide from 30 metres. However, the visitors took the lead on 14 minutes with a converted try.

Burntwood responded well and were rewarded right on the half time whistle when Sam Lloyd landed a penalty from 25m out on the left with an excellent strike.

The hosts remained on top early in the second period. Cannock lost a player to the sin bin, but it took until 53 minutes for Burntwood pressure to tell, Adam Black went under and Lloyd converted.

Approaching the last ten minutes Cannock showed they weren't finished.

Presented with a penalty plus another ten metres, their forwards began a drive from their own 22 to Burntwood's. They earned a close range line out which they took and drove over. A great conversion kick made it a one point game.

The decisive moment came with normal time almost up. Cannock won a line out on halfway. The ball was moved wide but a kick downfield was charged down and Ben Holt booted the ball towards the unguarded posts. A final tap over the line and he was able to touch down.

An under-strength second team lost out 38-14 at Leek.

Burntwood resume league action on January 21 with a trip to Clee Hill.

United battle hard but Social grab win

Cannock United 1 Brereton Social 2

UNITED battled hard throughout the first half, but found themselves a goal down at half-time with a glancing header into his own goal from Ryan Smith on 21 minutes.

The half was bogged down with few chances presented by either team, aside from a penalty shout on 35 minutes against Ralph Clarke, but the referee waved away the claims.

Tom Galloway equalised on 47 minutes, but Brereton found the net through Mike Chatting on 76 minutes. Cannock United's next game is away to Hilton Harriers on Saturday, kick off 2pm.

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